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EUROPE.

Severe Gales and Marine Disasters on the British Coast—Many Lives Lost—The Alabama Claims—The Ocean Yacht Race—An Effort to Regain the "America" Cup of 1851.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Heavy gales have prevailed all around the coast during the past few days. Many shipwrecks, attended in some instances with loss of life, have already been reported. The American bark *C. V. Minot*, Captain HEALEY, which left Mobile on the 10th of November with a cargo of cotton for Havre, experienced one of these gales when about two days' sail from the Cornish coast, but weathered the storm and made the port of Penzance. She lost two masts and suffered other damage, though to what extent is not yet ascertained. Advices have also been received to the effect that the bark *Edna*, bound from Montreal to Greenock, was driven ashore on the coast of Ireland by a furious gale. The Captain and seven of the crew were drowned. The bark will probably be a total loss.....A Limerick dispatch says a fearful gale from the northwest occurred here to-day. Trees were uprooted, chimneys thrown down, and in some instances houses prostrated. Ten persons are known to have lost their lives, and many others have been badly injured.....“Historicus,” the well known correspondent of the *Times*, writes another article to that journal to-day, assailing the dispatch of Secretary FISH on the *Alabama* question. The *Weekly Examiner*, issued to-day, has an article on the *Alabama* difficulty. It says when the nature of the American struggle was understood, England restored her sympathies to the North; and that reclamations now, based on earlier wrongs, are simply unduly vindictive.....The *Shipping Gazette*, in its money article, ascribes the ease in the money market to the diminished capital required, owing to the shrinkage of prices for conducting business since 1865.....Mr. ASHBURY has forwarded to the *Morning Post* the correspondence with Mr. BENNETT on the proposed ocean yacht race, and accompanies it with a letter, wherein he says he accepts the terms, and that he will be ready, on reaching New-York, to race for the cup won by the yacht *America* on the 22d of August, 1851.

GLASGOW, Dec. 31.—Mr. COOK, United States Vice-Consul at this port, has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment at hard labor, for forgery.

The French Ministry—The Spanish Crown—Another Peremptory Note from the Sultan to the Khedive.

PARIS, Dec. 31—1:20 P. M.—The new Ministry has not yet been formed, and there are no further developments in the direction of its formation. It is said that M. OLLIVIER will be unable to form one.

PARIS, Dec. 31—11 P. M.—Up to the present time the new Ministry has not been formed, but it is reported this evening that it will be to-morrow.....Prince CHARLES of Prussia, and his wife, are in the city, and stopping at the Grand Hotel. Yesterday the Emperor called upon them there.

MADRID, Dec. 31.—General PRIM has been released from prison.....No French or English mails have been received here for four days, all being blocked by snow.....It is reported to-day that Victor EMMANUEL has positively refused his consent to the Candidature of the Duke of GENOA.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 31.—Some time since the Sublime Porte sent a demand to ISMAIL PASHA to abandon his iron-clad fleet. The demand remaining unanswered, the Sultan to-day forwarded a violent message to the same effect.

HAMBURG, Dec. 31.—The weather is severe. The Elbe is blocked with ice, and navigation above this point is suspended.

President Grant on the French Cable—A “Correction” by the French Director-General of Telegraphs.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The following appears in the *Journal Officiel* of this morning:

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TELEGRAPH LINES.

The Message of the President of the United States to Congress at its opening, as it is published by the Newspapers, contains, in its part relative to the French Transatlantic Cable Company, an assertion which this administration considers it a duty to correct. It states, in substance, that contrary to the terms of the concession, dispatches from America, transmitted by that cable, are subject to examination and control of the French Government, and it is evident that the passage was written under the impression that such are the conditions of the concession.

This administration exercises no control of that nature, either over dispatches from America or from any other direction; but it is its duty to say that communications are transmitted over the cable in the order of their filing, or of their reception at Brest, and that there is no favoritism in this respect. It is also due, on the occasion of the belated messages held by the Government, see that no dispatches are clandestinely introduced upon the line, and so avoid the tax which legitimately accrues to the State. Such is the double aim of the control; to protect at once the interests of the public and of the treasury.

Finally, the conditions under which this department exercises control over the business of the line are without political intention. Its subordinate employes are charged with the task, and their duty is restricted to the verification of ciphers, such as the signals of place and time of filing, and of endorsements, and the number of words which form the basis of the application of the Government tax. Again, the most of the dispatches, particularly those destined for Nantes, Bordeaux, Tours, Toulouse, and those sections, arrive at their destination without passing through Paris at all. The same is true of correspondence addressed to any part of Spain or England, such dispatches being transmitted direct from Brest to London.

CUBA.

Surrender of Insurgents—Spanish Successes—Plantation Burned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Private dispatches from responsible sources in Havana, received here to-day, state that VALMASEDA reports that in his district about 700 men, with their officers, laid down their arms to the Spanish forces, and that in the district of Benecios the chief, COCA, and all his men, surrendered. Spanish successes are also reported in the district of Puerto Principe in the surrender of the insurgents. The opinion is expressed in the dispatches that the Cuban cause is daily growing weaker.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—The insurgents have burnt another plantation near Mayajigua. They killed four soldiers and six unarmed Spaniards.

A sharp engagement occurred yesterday between the Spanish troops and the insurgents at Magua, in the Cinco Villas district. Twenty of the latter were killed and sixty-six captured. Not one escaped. A large quantity of provisions and munitions of war, as well as some important correspondence, was also captured. The insurgents continue to present themselves to the Spanish authorities of the island to solicit pardon.

CANADA.

A New View of the Red Rebellion—The Hudson's Bay Authorities Looking on in Silence—Governor McDougall's Role—Position of the United States.

TORONTO, Canada, Dec. 31.—A special to the *Globe* from St. Cloud, Minn., Dec. 30, says:

“Governor McDOUGALL, with Colonel DENNIS and Mrs. ROOP, arrived here this afternoon from Fort Abercrombie. The party seems somewhat despondent at the state of matters at Red River, not so much from the formidableness of the insurrection as from several other causes. In fact, they seem to regard the thing itself as a very small matter, as only a very small section of the inhabitants are concerned in it. The difficulty has been with the authorities of the Hudson's Bay Company, including MRCTAVISH. They have been altogether silent in the matter, and it is suspected that some of their employes were the instigators of the whole affair. The Ottawa Government, it is gathered from the party, have done much to weaken the authority of the Governor by their dilatoriness. The spiritual authorities have been excessively busy, but it is expected that the Vicar-General of Quebec has authority from Rome to clear away that phase; besides, the priests do not favor the annexationists' views and would probably resist annexation were it pushed. The Americans, and one or two adventurer-like petitioners on American territory, are evidently pulling strong and pushing annexation ideas. Regarding the Indians, the stories related are merely fabulous. One thing, however, is certain. If anything like annexation is attempted the Indians will rise to a man, and the consequences of such a rising would be dreadful. In fact, the people here, though distant, are in terror at the idea. As regards Colonel DENNIS, instead of instigating the Indians to fight, he used the strongest, and happily successful endeavors to keep them at home and prevent a shot being fired. He had 70 men in a stone fort when the Bill of Rights was published. He peacefully disbanded them awaiting further negotiations, which the French expressed their willingness to effect. He moreover stopped a large party of Sioux on their way to fight the Americans, and went to Pembina to report to the Governor. The whole matter is considered in a fearful muddle. The want of tact and judgment on the part of the Canadian Government on one hand, and shrewd calculations on the part of two or three smart speculators on the other hand, have made the muddle.”

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—No proclamation has as reported, been prepared at the Department of State declaring the neutrality of this Government in the Winnipeg insurrection, nor is it known that any is contemplated. Up to noon to-day nothing whatever had occurred to suggest such a proceeding.

The Drawback Extradition Case—A New Postal Arrangement.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—CALDWELL was brought before Judges BADGLEY and MONK, of the Superior Court, on a writ of *habeas corpus*. His counsel asked for his discharge on the ground that Judge COURSOL had no power to issue a warrant for his arrest in Ontario, and went over the same arguments as when before Judge MONDELET. The arguments will be continued on Monday.

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—On and after the first of January, 1870, postage rates on letters passing between Canada and the United Kingdom will be as follows: If sent prepaid by Canada mail packet *via* Quebec, Portland in Winter, or Halifax, six cents per half ounce weight; if sent prepaid *via* New-York, eight cents per half ounce. Letters for the United Kingdom posted unpaid, or prepaid less than the proper rate, will be charged on delivery with double the amount of deficient postage.

ALMOST AN AVONDALE DISASTER.

A Breaker Afire Near Plymouth, Penn.—Fifty-five Men in a Mine with One Outlet—Narrow Escape—Indignation of the Miners.

PLYMOUTH, Penn., Dec. 31.—At about 10:20 A. M. the breaker of the Nottingham mine, situated at the southern end of the town, was discovered to be on fire. There were fifty-five men in the mine at the time, a mine with but one outlet—yet no notice was given to the men below that the building above was on fire. Fortunately it was extinguished. The fire was the result of gross carelessness on the part of the Company. Two stoves are kept in the breaker, and the pipes are run directly through the woodwork of the building, without any protection. At noon some of the men came up to dinner, and they became aware for the first time of the terrible fate they had escaped. When they went down again they held an indignation meeting and resolved at once to go up out of the mine. When they got up they assembled the rest of the men belonging to the mine—in all about seventy-five—and held another meeting, resolving that they would not again go down into the mine until there was built two brick chimneys for the stove pipes, a watchman placed in the building night and day, and a bell at the bottom of the shaft, so that they should have a signal when there was danger at the surface. Since that time the mine has not been worked, and the men still remain firm. The proprietors, Messrs. THOS. BRODRICK & Co., have yielded so far as the two chimneys are concerned, but they think one watchman sufficient, and decline to place one there in the day time. The men say that this only shows a willingness to protect their own property, and as their lives are exposed in the daytime they say they shall insist on the two watchmen and also on the alarm bell.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

A Railroad Hospital—An Indian Fight in Arizona—Settlers on Military Reservations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The Central Pacific Railroad Company have erected a hospital at Sacramento, at a cost of $70,000.....The Government Commissioners yesterday, formally accepted the first section of the Oregon Central Railroad.....Arizona advices represent that Indians captured a mail rider between Florence and Camp McDowell, and were pursued by the soldiers, when a fight ensued and eleven Indians were killed. The mail was not recovered.....The Government order notifying settlers to vacate the lands inside the military reservation of Fort Whipple, on Jan. 1, if enforced, will injuriously affect the settlers without material benefit to the Government. An appeal has been made to the military authorities in behalf of the settlers.

Intelligence from the Marquesas Islands to Oct. 1 has been received. The United States sloop-of-war *Jamestown* had arrived there. She was cruising among the islands of Oceanica. All on board of her were well.

THE SOUTH.

Investigation of County Frauds in Nashville—Affairs in New-Orleans—Georgia Politics.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 31.—A commission of Federal officers convened here this morning to investigate frauds alleged to have been practiced by claims agents in collecting the bounties and back pay of the colored soldiers. It is thought hundreds of thousands of dollars have been diverted from the pockets of this class of soldiers.....Mr. LYONS, formerly detective in the United States Quartermaster's Department, was before Commissioner NOAH this afternoon, charged with receiving bribes. The case was continued until to-morrow.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—The Chairman of the Union Republican State Central Committee has called a meeting of the Committee in Atlanta, Jan. 5, 1870. The Secretary of the Democratic Committee has issued a call to the Democrats for the same purpose on the same day.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—The Mutual Base Ball Club played a picked nine this afternoon, and won by 31 to 15. The proceeds were devoted to the House of the Good Shepherd.....The City Council muddle continues. Some of the Governor's appointees have been installed, but have been served with a mandamus to show cause, on the 3d of January, why they should not vacate .....Governor WARMOTH forbids Auditor WICKLIFFE from occupying his room in the Mechanics' Institute.

WASHINGTON.

The Collector at New-Orleans—The Late Mr. Stanton's Religious Views—Taxation of Gambling Establishments in New-Orleans—Pacific Bonds—Foreign Mail Service.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Collector CASEY, of New-Orleans, who arrived here last evening is the guest of the President. In reply to the charges against him, to the effect that he is not a Republican and retains Democrats in the Custom House, he has written the following letter to the editor of the New-Orleans *Republican*:

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 24, 1869.

SIR: My attention has been called to some strictures in your paper regarding my official conduct in the disposition of the patronage of the Custom House. The tenor of your charges against me is that I have acted, and am acting in opposition to the Republican Party. In this you have done me injustice. I merely wish to say in reply, that I have been in the past, am now, and, as long as the present political issue exists, expect to be thoroughly identified with the Republican Party, and I have, to the extent of my ability, heartily labored for its success. Holding the position I do, I claim and I shall enforce my right to be the decisive power as to who are the proper parties to appoint. I am, sir, I have always been, ready and willing to receive the statement of leading men of my party in this State, as to the standing of applicants for position. Their recommendations will always receive the weight they are entitled to. During my past administration I have had much difficulty in dealing with those entitled to positions in the Custom House. Such a diversity of opinion existed in the minds of leading Republicans as to who were of good standing in the party, that it was virtually impossible for me to decide the question to my own or the party satisfaction. The difficulties have been and are now in the Custom House, but as fast as the interests of the Government will permit, and competent and trustworthy men can be found, I shall remove them and appoint Republicans in their place. This the records of the Custom House will fully show.

Very respectfully,
JAMES F. CASEY, Collector.

The Louisiana Republicans will probably accept thankfully all that Mr. CASEY may be able to do in fulfillment of the foregoing promises, but if the temper manifested by such of them as are here is any index to the feeling generally, they will not rest satisfied until the pledges are fully redeemed.

MR. STANTON'S RELIGIOUS VIEWS.

Some of the local papers here contain statements relative to the religious convictions of the late ex-Secretary STANTON. A Catholic journal in its correspondence says that he intended to become a member of that Church, and with that view had, recently, frequent interviews with Rev. Mr. O'CONNOR, of Baltimore. The intimate personal friends of Mr. STANTON deny the truth of these stories and say that they have no foundation whatever in fact. It may be mentioned that Father O'CONNOR is a Jesuit in Baltimore, who was formerly a Bishop. He has devoted himself a great deal to the colored people, and has founded a religious community of colored people in that city. The probabilities are that it was in reference to this subject that Mr. STANTON conversed with him, if at all.

TAXATION OF GAMBLING HOUSES.

A letter from a prominent officer at New-Orleans to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue states that gambling is a legitimate and profitable business in Louisiana, regulated by law, licensed, and carried on openly and profitably in the finest parts of the city. Gambling houses in New-Orleans each pay an annual tax of $10,000—half to the State, and half to the city—and make enormous profits besides. In view of these and other facts, the writer in question urges the Commissioner to recommend the taxation of these concerns by the National Government, and, anticipating that a license is a quasi indorsement, remarks: “We tax liquor-sellers, lotteries, circuses, but do not thereby indorse their business.” The Commissioner will consider the matter.

PACIFIC RAILROAD SUBSIDY.

The United States Subsidy Bonds on the disputed section of the Pacific Railroad between Ogden and Promontory Point, amounting to $1,510,400, and bearing interest from the 16th July last, were issued by the Treasury Department to-day to the Secretary of the Central Pacific Railroad Company of California. This is understood to be the last installment of subsidy bonds due the through line under existing law.

FOREIGN MAIL SERVICE.

The arrangements made by the Postmaster-General for the European mails, comprise, as already stated, two mails per week, Wednesdays by the “National Line” and Saturdays by the “Bremen Line.” No contract for any specified length of time could be entered into, and it is optional, either with the companies or the Government, to terminate the arrangement at any time. The Bremen line was one of those which had previously joined in the refusal to carry the mails at the reduced rates. There seems to be little doubt that further arrangements will shortly be made whereby a tri-weekly service will be secured.

THE FESTIVAL.

New Year's Day will be very generally celebrated here to-morrow. Besides the array of official receptions many of the Senators and citizens will keep open house, and if the day is as pleasant as to-day has been the number of callers will be very large.

PERSONAL.

Among the distinguished strangers in the city are General MCCLELLAN and wife and L. P. MORTON and family, of New-York.

Defalcation by a County Treasurer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—It has been ascertained that E. KENDALL, late Treasurer of Boone County, Ill., is a defaulter to the county for about $20,000. His deficits commenced in 1866, and continued to increase until he went out of office in 1869. Suit has been commenced against his bondsmen for the amount of the defalcation. KENDALL is now a mail agent of the Pacific Railroad.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

WHEELING, West Va., Dec. 31.—Yesterday afternoon a Miss BATMAN, who had been seduced by a man named MCNASH, on his refusal to fulfill his marriage promise, drew a revolver and shot him through the bowels. She then surrendered herself to the authorities. MCNASH will not recover. He was to have been married to another lady in a few days.

HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 31.—STEPHEN A. DU BOIS, President of the National Hudson River Bank, of this city, died this morning after a brief illness, aged 68 years.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 31.—PATRICK O. HUME and GARRET BERRY, laborers on the Buffalo Creek Railroad, last evening were run over and killed by an engine of the Lake Shore Road. The bodies of both men were shockingly mangled.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 31.—Dr. SUMPER, supposed to have been murdered by Mr. HUNNEMAKER, at Cheny's Grove, for seducing a daughter of the latter, has been heard from.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—MARY ELIZABETH WHITTLE, aged 25, committed suicide last night by drowning. It is supposed she was insane.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 31.—MARTIN MCGUIRE, awaiting trial here for the murder of his wife last Summer, hanged himself in the jail last night. He left a letter disposing of his property, and the care of his children.

WOODSTOCK, Canada, Dec. 31.—HAYES' cabinet factory, together with several other buildings, was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, $15,000.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.—The flouring mills at Mechanicsport, Penn., with their contents, and four frame houses, were destroyed by fire last night. Loss $12,000. Insurance $8,000.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Time-Honored Usages of the Day—Some Account of Them—Prospect of a Lively Time—General Suspension of Business—New-Year's Eve Services and Festivities.

The recurrence of New-Year's Day brings with it all those feelings of good will towards our fellows, the expression of which we New-Yorkers have crystallized into custom; and it is to be hoped that the salutation upon the lips of all to-day will be a prophetic one—A Happy New Year. For to those to whom, during the past twelvemonth, joy has been an infrequent visitor, may 1870 be more propitious in the bestowment of favors; and upon such as have basked in the smiles of fortune throughout 1869, may there be a continuance of prosperity. He must, indeed, be of sadly callous soul, who can enter upon the New Year with feelings other than those of “good will to men,” no matter what may have transpired in the past calculated to cross and vex him.

They have in Spain a meritorious custom of formally reestablishing lost friendships, and of heading up, on New Year's Day, the animosities engendered during the preceding twelvemonth. Though we, as a people, have not adopted this formality, it is to be hoped that the spirit which gives rise to it among the Castilians and Arragonese will be fully appreciated and acted upon by all; for he only can be really happy who, on closing his eyes in slumber to-night, may truly say, “I have not an enemy.” Our old Knickerbocker ancestors must have had somewhat of this spirit of universal good will in their rotund and think-set make-up, when they established, or rather transferred from their Dutch homes in Europe, the custom of “calling.” We can see in it an index of that feeling of fraternity which, if we may credit history, was even a distinguishing feature of the countrymen of VAN TROMP and WILLIAM the Silent. The fact that we who reside where the Knickerbockers founded New-Amsterdam, are becoming—have become, in fact—a cosmopolitan people, is apparent in nothing more than in this—that our ancient custom is getting to be more “honored in the breach than in the observance,” and it is doubtful if our great grandchildren will know ought of it, save as a tradition. It is a law of progress that the old must give way to the new, in social life as in everything else; and that which is *en regle* in 1870 may, a century hence, become, to use a vulgarism, “played out.” Let us hope, however, (and the hope is decidedly apropos just now) that if the old customs of our early settlers are to be finally forgotten, at least something of the sturdy honesty and uprightness of the contemporaries of WOUTER VON TWILLER will not share the same fate.

From present indications, it would appear that the callers this year will not be as numerous as in years gone by. The custom of sending cards, in place of going personally, to give our friends the compliments of the season, is coming more and more into vogue as the New Year's days successively roll around, and we may expect that even this will, in time, come to be a thing of the past. The genuine descendants of the old Dutch still adhere to the ancient usage, and pride themselves on the retention of it; whence we argue that there will be, to-day, as usual, a full observance of the custom by the Van Zandts, the Van Anderns, the Van Burens, the Van Hoesens, the Bergens, the Rapelyes, and the many others whose family designations (even as yet of no small bulk in TROW'S Directory) plainly indicate their Hollandic lineage. Those who don't make calls will find many ways of passing the holiday. Our places of amusement, for the most part, give matinees as well as evening performances, and doubtless the audiences will be large. Unfortunately for many, the “season of snows,” to use a term derived from the “Manahattas,” —who ante-dated even our old Knickerbocker friends—has not brought with it any of the fleecy material whose presence it is meant to designate, and the unusual mildness of our “bleak December” has prevented the formation of ice; so that there is neither sleighing nor skating, in which the non-callers may indulge—a matter to pity. We know full well, however, that the absence of these will not prevent, on the part of many, an indulgence in “hot stuffs,” the excuse for taking which is generally to “keep out the cold.” Let us hope, however, that the Police Courts, to-morrow, will have no extra business to transact consequent on the imbibition, which may not be prevented.

There will be no formal reception by the Mayor and the heads of our municipal departments to-day, the usual custom in that respect being, for some reason, given the go-by.

We close by heartily wishing to the readers of the TIMES, one and all, a Happy New Year!

The Custom House will be closed to-day, except between 9 and 10 o'clock A. M., when it will be open for the entrance and clearance of vessels. At the Post Office all mails will close at 10 A. M. There will be no City deliveries after 9 o'clock A. M.

To-day being New-Year's Day, all the Civil Courts adjourned yesterday until Monday next, when the business of the January Term and of the year 1870 will begin.

THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Provisions have been made to make New Year's Day as pleasant and enjoyable as possible among the poor creatures who live on Blackwell's Island at public expense. They will be furnished with an extra supply of food and will be allowed holiday privileges by their keepers. The Commissioners of Charities and Correction will probably make a visit to the little children on Randall's Island during the day for the purpose of seeing that they are comfortably cared for. At Ward's Island, the immigrants will receive every attention from the Commissioners of Emigration.

WATCH NIGHT IN THE METHODIST CHURCHES.

The old Methodist custom of celebrating the departure of the old year and the incoming of the new, was generally observed by all the Methodist congregations of this and adjoining cities last evening. A similar and appropriate observance of the season also took place, under the direction of Standard Division 115 S. of T., at No. 68 East Broadway, the members of which bade adieu to the dying year, and tendered welcome to its successor, in a manner as peculiarly impressive as it was in marked contrast to the too current mode of celebrating the season.

The services in the Methodist Churches varied in no respect from those hitherto observed, and so frequently described. Beginning at 9 o'clock, they were kept up until the approach of midnight, by singing, prayer, exhortations and recitals of religious experience, together with a love feast. As the hands of the clock arrived within a minute or two of midnight, every member of the congregation bowed in silent prayer, and amid a solemn and impressive stillness all remained in this position until a minute or two after twelve, when the solemn stillness was broken by a hymn in praise to God in welcome to the New Year. After a brief prayer the services were concluded by singing the doxology and pronouncing the benediction. As the close of the religious exercises there was a general shaking of hands and interchange of wishes for a happy New Year.

The ordinary programme as observed by the white brethren of the church was, of course, somewhat varied and intensified by the brethren of the colored churches, who, with all the boisterous religious enthusiasm peculiar to their race, maintained the celebration in nearly all their churches. Some in their laborious earnestness continued their exercises far beyond the wonted hour, and in the gray of the New Year's morning the newsman met not a few of them wending their way home, or in little knots at street corners, with all the exuberance of the season and the morning, were bidding each other a happy New Year, with some such expressions as these: “Good morn', Brudder Jones; 'member to your wife.” “De Lord bless you, honey, and bring you sugar fru de new year.”

PARADE OF FANTASTICALS.

The members of the Baxter Muffins' Association, of the Fifth Ward, attired in the most grotesque and fanciful dresses, celebrated the approach of the New Year last evening by a procession. About 100 persons participated, and preceded by a band, they paraded through Chatham-street, Park-row and a portion of Broadway, followed by a large crowd which the novelty of the proceeding attracted into the streets.

CHESS PLAYERS' REUNION.

A numerous assemblance of the chess players at the Europa Chess Rooms met last night to celebrate the New Year. Upwards of sixty members and friends of the proprietor sat down to a table laden with all the delicacies of the season. Several eloquent and humorous speeches were made. Among the guests present were Captain MACKENZIE, Major WERNICKE, Baron VON FRANKENBERG, and many other distinguished players.

The Accident to Ex-Governor Seymour.

From the New-York Herald, Dec. 31.

Hon. HORATIO SEYMOUR started from this City alone in his carriage, about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, intending to drive to his residence in Deerfield. At Deerfield Corners he stopped to allow his horses to drink from a trough by the way side. As he started the king bolt dropped from his carriage, and his horses became frightened and ran furiously. He retained his hold upon the lines, but he was not able to check the team, and was thrown to the ground. The fall dislocated his shoulder.

He was conveyed to Oster's Hotel, where Doctor HAYES attended him. He was taken to his own house during the evening. Wednesday night he was quite restless, but we are glad to learn that yesterday he seemed much easier.

BROOKLYN FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Summary of the Business Done Since the Organization.

The Brooklyn Fire Commission was organized on the 22d of May, under an act of the Legislature, which passed last session, but did not get actively at work until the 13th of September, when the voluntary system was merged into the paid department. The Commissioners are engaged in preparing the first annual report to the Legislature, and really have very little to say of the past, but make very fair promises for the future.

The Commissioners, on taking possession of the apparatus and houses of the fire companies, found both in a very bad condition. Some of the buildings were stripped of their furniture and otherwise made untenable, and the hose especially was in a disgraceful state of dilapidation. The officers, as soon as they came fairly into possession, went to work with a will, and soon succeeded in restoring order. The report makes the gratifying exhibit that since the organization of the Department fires have decreased in frequency and loss more than 80 per cent.

THE PRESENT FORCE.

There are at present in the employ of the Department thirteen engines of the second and third size, and six Hook and Ladder Trucks. The force consists of 191 officers and men, exclusive of the Chief and six district engineers and the staff of the Commissioners' department. There are fifty-five horses owned by the Department, and official depots have been established whereafter supplies may be drawn in case more coal is wanted for the engines at work on a fire. The harness is manufactured at the workshops of the Department, and all the repairs are done at the main yard.

The total expenditure thus far has been in the neighborhood of $170,000. The pay roll will average between $6,000 and $10,000 per month, and was $9,735 for the month of December, 1869. The cost of fitting up the engine houses for horses was about $10,000, and some of the buildings were in such a dilapidated condition that only temporary accommodations could be provided. The supplies are furnished on the most economical scale possible, and contrast greatly with the extravagant expenditure which characterized the old department.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The Commissioners propose, if they are left in the undisturbed enjoyment of their positions during the present year, to erect a fire telegraph on the plan similar to that in this City. The telegraph in this City is constructed, and to abolish the bell-ringer system entirely, so that the alarm will be sounded only on the telegraphic instrument, and not upon the tower bells. During the present month some twenty-five parcels of property which were used by the old Department will be sold, and the proceeds thereof will doubtless be transferred to the new organization.

The Commission will, it is thought, be changed by the Legislature, early in the session, so as to cut off one member, and it is thought that Mr. WM. A. BROWN will be the victim. The Commission is at present composed of Messrs. F. S. MASON, President; ROBERT MCCULLOUGH, Treasurer; WM. A. BROWN and ANTHONY F. CAMPBELL. Mr. CASPIAN A. SPARKS is the very efficient Secretary.

The pay of the force is as follows: Chief Engineer, $3,000; Assistant Engineer, $2,000; District Engineers, $1,200; Foremen, $1,000; Engineers, $1,000; Firemen, $600; Stokers, $600; Firemen and Laddermen, $700; Bellringers, $1,000; Superintendent of Horses, $2,000; Superintendent of Repair Yard, $2,000; Foreman of Harness Department, $1,000.

THE BATTLE OF THE BLONDES.

Another Skirmish—Butler Captured.

Application was made a few days since by JOHN D. TOWNSEND, Esq., on behalf of Mr. ALEXANDER HENDERSON, one of the proprietors of the Lydia Thompson Troupe, before Judge LOEW, of the Court of Common Pleas, for an order of arrest against GEORGE H. BUTLER, recently appointed Consul-General of the United States to Calcutta, in an action for an assault and battery committed on Mr. HENDERSON at Niblo's Garden on the evening of the 27th of May last. Mr. HENDERSON's having been obliged to be absent with his troupe is stated as the reason for the application not having been made at an earlier day. Mr. MURRAY, the gaoman of the theatre, made affidavit to having witnessed the assault, and that it was without provocation on the part of Mr. HENDERSON. Dr. YOUNG made affidavit as to the extent of the injury sustained by Mr. HENDERSON, stating that one side of his face was paralyzed therefrom, and would continue so to be.

Mr. HENDERSON asks damages to the extent of $10,000 in his complaint.

Judge LOEW granted the order, and fixed the bail at $2,000. Mr. BUTLER was taken into custody by the Sheriff yesterday, and gave bail in the required amount, HUGH J. HASTINGS, of the *Commercial Advertiser*, and ERASTUS D. WEBSTER, editor, being his bondsmen.

THE LEWIS ABDUCTION.

The Struggle in the Court Ended—Summing Up of Counsel—Decision Reserved.

The matter of the petition of Mrs. SERENE LEWIS, who several days ago sued out a writ of *habeas corpus*, directed to Captain JOURDAN of the Sixth Precinct, and Officer WOOLDRIDGE, for the purpose of securing the custody of her daughter, CONDEE LEWIS, aged about 7 years, was before Judge CARDOZO at Special Term again yesterday.

Mr. WM. F. HOWE, in behalf of the relator, Mrs. LEWIS, in his opening remarks, insisted very strongly upon the rights of the mother to her child; the husband and father had shown himself to be an unfit and improper person to have the care, custody and education of the little girl. Besides, the act of the father in spirituing away the child from Boston was in direct violation of an order of the Court of Massachusetts, having competent jurisdiction, which order was to the effect that the child should remain with the mother until the determination of the divorce suit, which is still pending.

Mr. CROZIER, in behalf of the doctor, urged as a matter of law that this was a statutory proceeding, and before the Court could issue the writ could do nothing but hold to bail, remand or discharge. That, at any rate, if it is a common law writ, the Court could do nothing except under the statute. That in this State there is no statute on the subject where the husband and wife are living separately. That, first, the wife must be an inhabitant of the State, which is not the case here; second, the separation must be by mutual consent or by judicial decree; and third, the petition must be addressed not to a Judge at Chambers, but to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Crozier followed on the same side, and delivered a long, able and eloquent argument he went over the whole history and recited at length the facts of this most unfortunate family difficulty. He attributed all the unpleasantness and misunderstanding between the husband and wife to the malicious interference of the mother-in-law of the doctor, Mrs. ALLEN. He contended that there was no evidence that the doctor had been guilty of any adultery, and concluded by characterizing the whole trouble as having been instigated and persistently enhanced by Mrs. ALLEN, the mother-in-law, and by Mr. RICHMOND and his wife—the latter a sister of Mrs. LEWIS. The entire address of Judge BIRDSEYE was listened to with great attention by a crowded Court room.

Judge CARDOZO took the papers and reserved his decision.

The New Surrogate's Appointments.

Mr. ROBERT C. HUTCHINGS, the able and accomplished new Surrogate, enters upon the duties of his office to-day. He has made the following appointments:

Chief Clerk, STEPHEN D. VAN SCHAICK, formerly partner of MARCUS REYNOLDS, of Albany, (an excellent appointment.)

Probate Clerk, JESSE O. VANDERPOEL, now connected with the District-Attorney's office as Chief Clerk.

Administration Clerk, A. W. OLIVER, now in the Surrogate's office.

W. W. SMITH, General Clerk, now in office.

Navy Yard Intelligence.

The *Albany* has gone out of commission, and her crew is transferred to the *Vermont*.

A draft of twenty-four men left for Boston on Friday, with a Sergeant and five marines, for the monitor *Tecumseh*.

The *Monitor* is ordered to leave for Portland, to take part in the funeral ceremonies of GEORGE PEABODY. When she returns she will go out of commission.

The *Sacatoga* is expected to arrive about the middle of this month with a draft of men from San Francisco.

“MEDORA LEIGH.”

An Addition to the Literature of the Byron Story.

Dr. Charles Mackay's Answer to Mrs. Stowe.

An Interesting History and Autobiography.

MORE PRIVATE LETTERS MADE PUBLIC.

The literature of the Byron controversy has received an addition, which is sure to attract quite as much attention as it deserves, in the shape of a volume published in London by BENTLEY, entitled *Medora Leigh: a History and an Autobiography*. Dr. CHARLES MACKAY stands as sponsor for this volume, prefacing the autobiography with an introduction and following it with a commentary on the charges brought against Lord BYRON by Mrs. STOWE. We give herewith, from an advance copy of this work, a summary of its contents, leaving our readers to decide upon the credibility of the story and to determine whether it makes for or against Lord BYRON. Dr. MACKAY states in his preface how he came upon the biography, and follows this with an introduction, covering eighty pages, or nearly one-third of the whole volume, and consisting of a review of the whole of this sickening controversy, interlarded with adulations of Lord BYRON and sharp attacks upon Mrs. STOWE, whom Dr. MACKAY styles a “Yankee,” and, as if that were not enough, an “ultra Yankee.” This introductory chapter closes with the following statement of what Dr. MACKAY expects this history and autobiography of MEDORA LEIGH to prove:

But though it is evident from all contemporary evidence, and from Lady BYRON's own letters to Mrs. LEIGH, that the charge of incest was not made in 1816—and from Lady BYRON's letter to her friend Lady ANNE BARNARD, in 1818, that it was not made two years afterwards—it is equally evident that the story as told by Mrs. STOWE is untrue, as regards its date, and that the charge was first made at a much later time. When was that time? Who made it? And did Lady BYRON believe it, and lend it countenance? These inquiries will all find their answer in the history and autobiography of ELIZABETH MEDORA LEIGH, which will be duly set forth in the next chapter.

After this comes the history of MEDORA LEIGH, as given by Dr. MACKAY, and the autobiography. All that is new or of special interest in the book we give substantially entire.

In the Summer of 1823, twenty-seven years after the separation of Lord and Lady BYRON, and nineteen years after the death of Lord BYRON at Missolonghi, there arrived in London from Paris and the south of France, where she had resided for some time previously, a young lady, with a pretty little daughter, nine or ten years old. The lady represented herself as the fourth child of Hon. AUGUSTA LEIGH, the sister of Lord BYRON. She was born, she said, in 1815, and was consequently in her twenty-eighth year. She was good-looking rather than eminently handsome, had dark eyes and hair, and a dark complexion, and was altogether a very lively and agreeable person. * * * She had come to England to urge a claim which she had, or fancied she had, upon the generosity and kind feeling of Lady BYRON; and her experience from Paris to London had been defrayed by Captain DE B——, a gallant veteran of the British army. * * * This officer, who had long been resident in the south of France, had found Miss LEIGH in Paris in a state of utter destitution. * * * In the course of a business visit to his London correspondents, he incidentally mentioned, as a reason for requiring some more money than usual, the circumstances of his extra expenditure for Miss LEIGH, whose parentage he stated, alleging her to be the daughter of Lord BYRON and Mrs. LEIGH. This strange statement, if only put as apparently solution of a hitherto undivulged cause of the separation of Lord and Lady BYRON, naturally excited great curiosity and interest in those who heard. * * * Miss LEIGH proved, by documentary evidence in her possession, that she was indeed the daughter of Hon. AUGUSTA LEIGH. * * * She alleged (as is satisfactorily appears from her documentary evidence, with perfect truth) that her mother, Mrs. LEIGH, and her aunt, Lady BYRON, had given her what is called in legal parlance a “deed of appointment,” by which the sum of $2,000 was to become payable to her after the death of these ladies. She also obtained a box of valuable family papers and letters which she had intrusted to Lady BYRON's custody, but which was said to have been stolen from Lady BYRON's house in Moorepiace, by a French waiting woman and her husband, a valet or courier, who had been employed by Lady BYRON, in the days when she and Miss LEIGH were friends, to act as her agents in the south of France. * * * The most active of the two partners in the firm to whom Miss LEIGH was introduced by their client—the most active, at least, as far as this poor lady's case was concerned—was a gentleman whom, for the purposes of this narrative, we shall designate by the initial letter of his name as Mr. S——. The documents and papers on which this narrative is founded came from his hands, and are published by his consent and authority. The originals are in the possession of the publisher of this volume, and will be shown to any one who has any legal pretence to inspect them. * * * (Here follows a genealogical statement, from which it

give every detail of what I was made to suffer, though I do not think it absolutely necessary to do so. * * * My greatest wish was to do away from him. Through Mr. C.'s means I wrote to my mother, and my aunt, Lady CHICHESTER, informing them of my position, and imploring the means to free myself. I obtained M. Bert TREVANION's root and went to the neighboring town, where I continued to receive most affectionate letters from my mother, but very little money. I endeavored to persuade her to allow me regularly $120 per annum—the smallest sum I could live on in a very cheap place. She promised, but did not perform; so that after a year and a half I found I should be compelled, as I was advised to do, to sell the reversion to $4,000 which I had with some difficulty, contrived as a provision for my child, after my death, if I did not wish to be forced to return to MR. TREVANION. During some months the correspondence between my aunt and my mother continued as affectionate as ever. I endeavoring all the while to obtain from her the means of existence, and she retaining the deed. At length I received a letter from Lady CHICHESTER, who had sent the $5, begging her influence to obtain the deed for me, and to Sir GEORGE STRYCHE, to whom I had applied to sell the reversion, stating that I was sure my aunt, Lady HON. BYRON, would use my influence she might possess with my mother to induce her to give up to me that which was my right. * * * On Sir GEORGE STRYCHE forwarding my letter to Lady BYRON, Lady CHICHESTER, who had sent the letter from Lady BYRON and money, with offers of protection for myself and child, and the power of quitting a neighborhood which was most painful to me. This offer, in August, 1841, was willingly and gratefully accepted (as she had accompanied a medical gentleman, whom Lady BYRON had sent, and not her at Tours, where it was first thought I should reside. Lady BYRON, but I should add, that I had written my last to Paris, and remain with Mr. B. for a time. I did so, being desirous of attending to the least wishes of one towards whom I had reason to feel so grateful. At Montmorillon, where I was joined by Lady BYRON, Lady BYRON informed me of the cause of the deep interest she felt, and must ever feel, for me. Her husband had been my father. She implored and sought my affection by every means; and almost exacted my confidence to the most unlimited extent. Her only wish, she said, was to provide for me, according to Lord BYRON's intentions, by procuring my restoration to my rank in life. There was a Chancery suit begun against my mother to obtain possession of the deed. All these circumstances decided me on staying with Lady BYRON. She promised to pay me $120 out of money from her in small sums and by stealth, but nothing was definitely settled. We continued nine or ten months in Paris. At the latter period of this time, Lady BYRON wrote to Lord LOVELACE and Lord BYRON, kindness and promises from both, and I was made to feel that I was to be ADAH sister in all things, as I was really. In May, 1841, I accompanied Lady BYRON to Montmorillon, and received from her a letter addressed to Lord LOVELACE, relating to her separation, which, as she afterwards said, might be useful in the Chancery suit. In May, 1842, my Lady BYRON left me in the care of the Chevalier and one Mme. Mme. The suit was concluded in a way and without consultation with me, that showed me that all that had been promised me, unsolicited and unsought, was not kept. Lady BYRON had been in a manner sacrificed in my mother's interest. I could only, yielded to Lady BYRON all I felt, and my determination of leaving England immediately, and solicited from her (Lady BYRON) the means of so doing. 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I will over let you want either! * * * Lady BYRON sent me $40 to travel to Hyères with, recommending me to travel in the most economical way, &c. * * * After consultation with Lord LOVELACE, I left the Sunday next I should have, and I left England on Friday evening, the 22d of July, 1842. And partly in order to prove to Lady BYRON my earnest wish to please her, and partly to obtain the deed, on account of their importance, in the event of my death, I left a box of letters and papers with Lady NOEL BYRON's housekeeper, to be given to Lady BYRON on her return to Monte Pisano; and I left the deed of appointment to Ann on Sunday, the 24th, at 8 o'clock that evening, to be deposited with Lord LOVELACE's papers at Ockham. The deed I had kept till then in my own possession, and intended doing so, forming to let it again escape me." 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clare their usual semi-annual dividend of 8 per cent., payable on demand.

The business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer, United States, New-York, in December, was as follows:

Nov. 30, 1869, by balance		$97,231,751 22
Receipts during the month—		
On account of Customs	$4,698,658 71	
On account of Gold Notes	6,798,729 00	
On account of Internal Revenue	721,761 48	
On account of 5 % cent. Certificates	12,600 00	
On account of Post Office Department	383,933 67	
On account of Treasury	14,204,799 31	
On account of Patent Fees	1,287 00	
On account of Miscellaneous	3,232,323 31	
On account of Disbursing Offices	7,848,526 17	
On account of Assay Office	127,970 20	
On account of Interest Accounts	2,869,418 50—	$51,254,243 47
Payments—		148,485,994 69
Treasury Drafts	$1,471,490 44	
Post Office Drafts	209,216 49	
Disbursing Accounts	7,499,188 03	
Assay Office	1,020,623 31	
In Coin	2,450,047 22—	42,729,565 50
Balance		$105,756,429 19
Balance to Credit Treasurer United States	$99,749,931 67	
Balance to Credit Disbursing Accounts	7,679,447 20	
Balance to Credit Assay Office	1,327,050 32—	$108,757,429 19
Receipts for Customs in the month of December, 1869		$9,929,658 71
Receipts for Customs in the month of December, 1868		8,557,372 23
Receipts for Customs in the month of December, 1869, increase		$372,286 48

The following is a statement of the business at the United States Assay Office, at New-York, for the month ending Dec. 31, 1869:

Deposits of gold		$428,000 00
Foreign coins	20,000 00	
Foreign bullion	30,000 00	
United States bullion	40,000 00	
Deposits of silver, including purchases		122,000 00
Foreign coins	20,000 00	
Foreign bullion	22,000 00	
United States bullion (coin, melted in gold)	9,000 00	
United States bullion (old coins)	1,000 00	
United States bullion (Idaho)	1,000 00	
United States bullion (Lake Superior)	300 00	
United States bullion (Nevada)	60,000 00	
Total deposits, payable in bars	$242,000 00	
Total deposits, payable in coins	220,000 00—	$662,000 00
Gold bars stamped		$1,265,675 72
Silver bars stamped		$114,662 28
Transmitted to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for coinage		$780,000 00

A young gentleman, member of the New-York Stock Exchange, is anxious to secure the business of some respectable Banking House, not at present represented at the Board, to whose interests he would devote his exclusive attention. He has leave to refer to the Publishers of the TIMES, with whom his card and address can be found.

Railroads in the United States.

From the American Railroad Journal, Jan. 1, 1870.

It is difficult with all our accumulated facilities to reach every part of our vast country, and ascertain the exact condition of the railroad interest in each State or section. And during the last year the development of this great interest of the nation has been so immense and so rapid as to make it impossible to keep pace with its growth. The construction of the Pacific Railroads, indeed, has forced all parts of the country to railroad extension, and hence we find that the extent of mileage constructed and improvements on old lines has been greater in 1869 than in any former year of our railroad history. When we state that there have been brought into use during the year no less than 5,878.37 miles of new road, this fact is fully proven. This is more than one-eighth part of the entire railroad mileage of the country, the other seven-eighths having taken forty years of varied fortune to establish. Yet still we are progressing, and the year now commencing promises to eclipse even the year just closed. We have now in use an estimated mileage of 48,800.55 miles, and also projected and in progress a mileage of 7,558.62 miles. Thus all the world, including the United States, and this is not equaled. Truly we are progressive, and see in all this development a destiny as grand as insured. With our railroads we scale mountains and span the uninhabited plains, which are still in possession of the Indian, and open up vast territories for human habitation, which, without the railroad, must forever have been closed against civilization. If we are going fast, we are going in the right direction, and the day is not far off which will give us the great benefits we seek in our healthy progress. The railroad will unite and make us the great nation of the world, free and indissoluble.

The following tabulation shows the distribution of mileage and cost to the several States and Territories:

States, &c.	Miles of Road— Total.	Open.	Cost of road and equipment.
Maine	949.79	672.97	$21,193,110
New-Hampshire	728.32	635.32	22,649,459
Vermont	653.00	615.00	20,797,250
Massachusetts	1,569.75	1,469.10	74,699,428
Rhode Island	121.47	121.47	8,125,672
Connecticut	806.94	698.57	27,809,017
New-York	4,793.91	3,636.22	209,001,671
New-Jersey	1,023.63	999.65	74,602,795
Pennsylvania	6,878.36	5,614.45	300,556,009
Delaware			
Maryland	455.50	292.80	8,773,697
Maryland, other than above	730.02	493.52	21,314,689
West Virginia	723.75	364.75	27,969,315
Virginia	2,049.11	1,492.94	49,886,681
North Carolina	1,832.97	1,120.07	29,826,495
South Carolina	1,429.17	1,041.97	37,345,817
Georgia	2,095.41	1,694.70	56,975,653
Florida	613.20	440.20	9,983,981
Alabama	2,059.80	1,686.00	56,421,169
Mississippi	990.20	990.20	24,919,604
Louisiana	728.30	414.50	17,338,323
Texas	2,996.65	872.95	17,006,604
Arkansas	697.00	96.00	4,356,000
Tennessee	1,876.53	1,435.83	46,918,449
Kentucky	1,402.85	949.55	28,517,745
Ohio	4,613.96	3,732.49	190,424,807
Michigan	2,293.20	1,196.76	48,793,418
Indiana	5,331.10	2,977.10	121,162,251
Illinois	7,186.45	4,707.16	217,429,849
Wisconsin	3,779.60	1,450.00	60,355,728
Minnesota	1,800.00	838.00	27,800,000
Iowa	3,219.28	2,140.83	85,762,945
Nebraska	449.00	149.00	26,450,000
Wyoming Ter	580.00	580.00	43,500,000
Missouri	4,365.29	1,627.00	88,878,231
Kansas	1,601.88	936.50	69,823,560
Colorado	350.00	150.00	6,000,000
Utah Territory	365.00	365.00	18,000,000
Nevada	300.00	300.00	19,500,000
California	2,397.00	810.00	46,850,000
Oregon	2,019.60	719.50	5,700,000
Total	5,822.10	1,835.10	$95,850,000
Recapitulation by Sections.			
Northeast	4,877.36	4,274.22	$170,804,100
Middle East	14,547.19	10,791.09	633,618,625
Southeast	7,740.03	5,827.49	154,600,397
Gulf & S'ther'st	10,573.92	6,254.03	180,472,098
North Interior	35,095.94	19,942.00	949,667,027
Pacific and West	5,922.10	1,835.10	95,850,000
Total, Jan. 1, '70	76,756.53	48,920.53	$2,212,412,719

In the following statement is shown the increase in railroad development in the several sections during the year 1869:

Sections.	Miles of Road— Projected.	Built— Opened.	Cost of road and Equipment.
Northeast	604.11	317.76	17,176,545
Middle East	3,858.54	1,026.59	85,136,307
Southeast	299.23	195.57	14,976,130
Gulf and Southwest	1,527.45	223.45	22,859,652
North Interior	6,166.46	3,976.55	189,090,924
Pacific and West	303.10	132.10	29,664,000
Total	12,446.29	5,876.37	$358,707,678

The annual progress of railroad building since 1827 the commencement was made in the construction of the Granite Railroad, at Quincy, Mass., to the present time, is shown in the following table:

Year.	Miles.	Year.	Miles.
1828	3	1849	6,360
1829	26	1850	7,475
1830	41	1861	8,589
1831	54	1862	11,627
1832	131	1853	13,497
1833	276	1854	15,360
1834	765	1855	17,528
1835	918	1856	19,261
1836	1,103	1857	26,026
1837	1,431	1858	28,000
1838	1,249	1859	26,755
1839	1,290	1860	29,771
1840	3,197	1861	30,992
1841	3,219	1862	31,799
1842	3,877	1863	33,471
1843	4,174	1864	33,580
1844	4,311	1865	34,449
1845	4,575	1866	35,261
1846	4,930	1867	36,806
1847	5,36	1868	38,922
1848	5,663	1869	42,279
1870			48,800 miles.

City Passenger Railroads are not included in the above summary. These are now in general use in all considerable cities, and in numerous instances in places where population is less dense. Their economical bearings are fully recognized and their popularity is increasing. Boston, New-York, Brooklyn and Philadelphia count their street railroad tracks by hundreds of miles. Probably the total is not less than 3,500 to 4,000 miles.

Nor have we included in our statement any account of the second tracks with which many of the leading lines are supplied, nor the sidings and turnouts on all the lines. These may be estimated at 25 per cent. of the length of road, and are being added to yearly. Adding these supplementary tracks to the tabulated mileage we find that the total length of equivalent single track in use is about 60,000 miles, and if we add to this the equivalent for the city passenger tracks, to nearly 65,000 miles. It is now about forty years since we began to build railroads, and in that time, as before intimated, we have built a greater length than is to be found in the whole of Europe. Progress leads but to new demands and new enterprises.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

HOWES & MACY, BANKERS,

30 Wall Street, N. Y.

FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

The business of this house is the same as an Incorporated Bank.

Persons keeping accounts may deposit and draw as they please, the same as with the City Banks, and will be allowed interest on their daily balances at 4 per cent.

Collections made on any part of the United States or Canada.

Orders for the purchase or sale of the various issues of Government and other Stocks, Bonds, and Gold, promptly executed for the usual commission.

☞ LONG ISLAND RAILROAD COMPANY.

The Six Per Cent. Bonds of the Long Island Railroad Company, with coupons for interest due the 1st January, 1870, will be paid, or exchanged for the new issue of First Mortgage Seven Per Cent. Bonds, on and after that day, at 90, by

VERMILYE & CO.,

Nos. 16 and 18 Nassau-st.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1869.

☞ GEORGE OPDYKE & CO., BANKERS, No. 25 Nassau-street, offer for sale the following desirable securities: First Mortgage 7 per cent. Gold Bonds of the New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad; First Mortgage 6 per cent. Gold Bonds of the Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad, indorsed by the State of Alabama; First Mortgage 6 per cent. Bonds of the Mobile and Montgomery Railroad; 7 per cent. Land Grant Bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad, and solve prime 10 per cent. Currency Bonds.

The attention of investors is invited to these well-secured Bonds. Full information in regard to them will be furnished upon application to the agents offering them for sale.

☞ THE ATTENTION OF CAPITALISTS AND INVESTORS GENERALLY is invited to the following Loans, which we offer upon terms, making them an unusually desirable investment:

EIGHT PER CENT. GOLD BONDS OF THE SELMA, MARION AND MEMPHIS RAILROAD COMPANY,

Indorsed by the State of Alabama.

These Bonds are payable principal and interest in coin, and are a FIRST MORTGAGE of $10,000 per mile, upon FINISHED AND COMPLETED ROAD, being durable upon each section only when completed.

SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD BONDS OF THE BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS AND MINNESOTA RAILROAD COMPANY.

These are a FIRST MORTGAGE, FIFTY YEARS, CONVERTIBLE, SINKING FUND bond. PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST are PAYABLE IN COIN; and as the road is opened for traffic at rapidly increasing rates, the interest is earned as the bonds are issued. The road runs through the richest and best populated sections of Iowa and Minnesota.

SIX PER CENT. GOLD BONDS OF THE BRUNSWICK AND ALBANY RAILROAD COMPANY OF GEORGIA.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD; GUARANTEED by the STATE of GEORGIA; SUN FIFTY YEARS; SUN A FIRST MORTGAGE of $15,000 per mile of constructed road, and are issued only as the road is fully completed and accepted by the State.

After a careful investigation of the above enterprises, we recommend these bonds as first-class investments, affording absolute safety and paying an unusually liberal rate of interest.

HENRY CLEWS & CO.,

Bankers, No. 32 Wall-st.

☞ PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MISSOURI SIX PER CENT. GOLD BONDS, FREE OF GOVERNMENT TAX, COUPON OR REGISTERED.

The undersigned offer for sale at a moderate figure $250,000 of the above bonds. The road is completed, is mortgaged for less that one-half its cost, and is earning more than double the interest on the loan.

Government and other securities exchanged at fair rates.

CLARK, DODGE & CO.,

No. 51 Wall-st.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Friday, Dec. 31, 1869.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkgs	24	Pecans, pkgs	38
Beeswax, pkgs	4	Peanuts, bags	230
Cheese, pkgs	1,848	Pork, pkgs	420
Cotton, bales	1,240	Rice, pkgs	65
Copper, cakes, pigs	125	Tallow, pkgs	145
Dried Fruit, pkgs	325	Oatmeal, pkgs	140
Eggs, pkgs	200	Lard, pkgs	487
Flour, bbls	4,770	Linseed, pkgs	34
Grain, bushels	41,000	Butter, pkgs	1,434
Malt, bushels	3,800	Cheese, pkgs	970
Hops, bales	1,138	Oil, Lard, bbls	12
Hides, No.	5,310	Dressed Hogs, No.	4,275
Beans, bushels	1,741	Rice, pkgs	120
Peas, bushels	270	Starch, pkgs	200
Hemp, bales	30	Tobacco, hhds	2
Hops, bales	1,138	Tobacco, trs. and cs.	128
Leather, sides	18,400	Whiskey, bbls	1,152
Petroleum, bbl., bbls	—	Molasses, bbls	624

The export clearances since our last, as reported at the Merchants' Exchange, Pine-street, have been as follows:

By the steamer *Helvetia*, for Liverpool—435 lbs. Beeswax, 120 bags Sugarine, 300 bbls. Rosin, 1,284 bbls. Flour, 124,325 lbs. Tallow, 21,472 bushels Wheat, 177 bales Sheet Iron, 45,600 lbs. Copper, 1,000 lbs. Spelter, 15 bags Hickory, 236 bales Hops, 2,066 Spokes.

By the brig *Ann*, for Gibraltar—12,000 gallons Refined Petroleum, 212 bbls. Rosin, 146 cases Tobacco, 4 cases Cigars, 1 cask Tobacco, Manufactured Tobacco, 1 Carriage, 24 pieces Lumber.

By the steamer *Palmyra*, for Glasgow—5,785 bbls. Flour, 1,200 Staves, 19 casks Hoops.

By the bark *Addie Maddam*, for Havre—2,112 bbls. Crude Petroleum.

By the brig *Chione*, for Oporto—6,776 bushels Wheat, 400 bbls. Flour.

ASHES—Continue inactive on the basis of $7 27½ @ $7 62½ for Pots, and $8 25 @ $8 25 for Pearls, $ 100 lbs.

BOOTS AND SHOES—Have been in light demand and rather less firm in price, including Boys' Kip Brogans at $1 90@$1 95; Men's Calf Pegged, $3 @$3; Youths' $1 87½@$2 25; Men's Calf Pegged, at $3@$3 50; Men's Calf Sewed, $4@$4 50; Boy's Calf Pegged, $2@$2 75; Youth's, $2@$2 75; Men's Kip Brogans, $3@$3 25; Men's Split Brogans, $2 75@$3; Boys' Kip and Split Brogans, $2@$2 25; Youths', $1@$1 75; Men's Split and Buff Balmorals, $1 87½@$2 25; Men's Calf and Buff Balmorals, $2 25@$2 50; Women's Calf and Kid Balmorals, $1@$1 50; Women's Buff and Calf Boots, $1 75@$2; Women's Pegged Goat Balmorals, $1@$1 25; Misses' Pegged Calf Boots and Kid, $1 37½@$1 75; Misses' Sewed, $1 50@$2 25; Children's Sewed, 75c.@$1 25; Children's Pegged, 50c.@$1 00; Ladies' City-made Gaiters, $1 75@$2; Ladies' Eastern-made, $1@$1 50; Misses' Eastern-made, 90c.@$1 25; Children's Eastern-made, 75c.@$1 10; Children's Fancy S. H. and Hoel Shoes, 40c.@$1 @ pair.

BRICKS—Have been in request and firm, including Common Hard at $9@$10, Common Red at $10@$12, and Philadelphia Front at $40 @ thousand, showing a steady market.

CANDLES—Are inactive at unaltered figures, including Adamantine, light weight, at 20c.@20½c.; Plain Sperm, 45c.@47c.; Fancy Sperm, 50c.@52c. @ lb.

CEMENT—Continues in demand at $2 for Rosendale @ bbl.

COCOA—Sales have been made of 500 bags Guayaquil, on the spot, and some on trial, at 14½c.@15½c. gold, in bond, @ lb., showing a much firmer market.

COFFEE—Rio has been more active, and quoted rather firmer, sales, 6,000 bags by the *Morrimac*, and 1,000 bags by the *Ariel*, at private terms. Other kinds have been quiet at former quotations. We quote: Java at 21½c.@22½c.; Maracaibo, 17½c.@20½c.; Laguayra, 19½c.@19½c.; Rio, 14c.@15½c., in bond; Native Java, 25c.@27c.; Jamaica, 15c.@17c.; Sisal, 19c.@20c.; Costa Rica, 14½c.@16c.; Manila, 16c.@18c.; Mexican, 16c.@16c.; Savanilla, 16c.@18½c.; San Domingo, in bond, 9½c.@9½c., gold, @ lb.

COTTON—Has been more active and quoted a fraction higher. Exporters have been buying freely. The spinning demand has been good. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 5,814 bales, including 2,000 bales for Spinning, 1,000 bales for exportation, 302 bales to speculators, and 547 bales in transit. Also, 2,050 bales for forward delivery, including 100 bales, basis Low Middling, for January, private terms; 150 bales do., for January, 30c.; 500 bales do., for February, 31½c.@32½c.; 50 bales do., for March, 32½c.; 500 bales do., for April, 32c.; 100 bales do., for December, on private terms.

Closing Prices of Cotton.

	Uplands.	Mobile.	New-Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary	23½	23½	24	24½
Good Ordinary	24½	24½	24½	25
Low Middling	24½	25½	25½	25½
Middling	25½	25½	25½	25½
Good Middling	26	26½	26½	27½

Movements of Cotton at this Port.

	Bales.
Receipts this week	28,467
Receipts last week	23,121
Receipts the preceding week	22,928
Receipts since Sept. 1	221,172
Receipts since Jan. 1, 1869	227,292
Receipts year ending Sept. 1, 1869	420,729
Receipts year ending Jan. 1, 1869	424,282
Export clearances since our last	177
Exports since Sept. 1	147,323
Exports since Jan. 1	131,056
Exports for the year ending Sept. 1, 1869	222,470
Exports for the year ending Jan. 1, 1869	225,000
Estimated stock here	45,500

FISH—A moderate inquiry has been noted for most articles, at steady rates. Stock includes 4,000 quintals Dry Cod, 13,000 bbls. Mackerel, 1,000 bbls. Pickled Herring, and 10,000 boxes Smoked Herring.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The offerings of desirable lots of State and Western Flour have been on a restricted scale, and prices have been well supported; with trade and speculative inquiry, on the closing day of the year. Sales have been reported since our last of 7,200 bbls., in lots, including very poor to choice extra State at $5 @$5 25; very low to good Ohio Extra at $5 @$5 75; very low to choice Spring Wheat Extra State at $5 @$5 75, and prime to good shipping brands of round hoop Ohio at $5 @$5 87½ @ bbl. We quote:

Superfine State and Western	$4 @$4 25
Extra State	5 @ 5 25
Extra Illinois, Indiana, &c.	5 @ 5 25
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, shipping brands	5 @ 5 25
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	5 @ 7 50
Extra Genesee	5 @ 7 50
Fancy to Fancy Extra Missouri	5 @ 7 50

Southern Flour is in less request at previous prices. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 350 bbls., in lots, at $5 @$5 25 for poor to fair Ordinary, and $5 @$6 for fair to very choice Extra, @ bbl. Rye Flour is quiet at $4 @$5 25 for interior to very choice, @ bbl.; sales of bbls. Corn Meal continue very quiet at about $4 @$4 25 for Western, $4 @$4 25 for Jersey, and $3 @$4 25 for Brandywine, @ bbl. Sales, 170 bbls. Buckwheat Flour at $3 50 @ bbl.

GRAIN—Wheat has attracted less attention, and has been quoted a shade cheaper. Sales have been reported since our last of 48,000 bushels, including White Western at $1 30@$1 35; Red and Amber Western at $1 25@$1 30; Red winter Western at $1 25@$1 30; No. 2 Milwaukee at $1 27@$1 28; No. 2 Spring, at $1 21@$1 22; Amber Iowa at $1 30@$1 35; Amber Michigan at $1 30@$1 35; Amber Canadian at $1 30@$1 35; Amber Illinois at $1 30@$1 35; Amber Ohio at $1 30@$1 35; Red and Amber Kentucky at $1 30@$1 35; Amber Illinois (in small lots) at $1 32 @ bushel. Corn has been in less liberal supply, and moderate request, at firmer prices. Sales have been reported since our last, of 56,000 bushels, in lots, at $1 @$1 02 for damaged and heated Mixed Western; $1 10@$1 12 for sound Mixed Western; $1 08@$1 09 for Yellow and White Southern and Jersey @ bushel. Rye continues quiet at 90@91 c. for Western and Jersey; $1 12@$1 16 for State @ bushel; sales, 2,400 bushels. Barley is dull at unchanged rates; sales have been reported since our last of 1,600 bushels two-rowed State at $1 04@$1 10 @ bushel. Barley Malt is inactive at from $1 20@$1 30 @ bushel. Oats have been in fair request and again quoted firmer; sales have been reported since our last of 43,000 bushels, in lots, at 61c. @ 64½c. for Western, and 64½c. @ 65c. for State; 65c. @ 66c. for Jersey and Southern, @ bushel. The export clearances include 1,600 bbls. Flour and 21,400 bushels Wheat for Liverpool; 4,705 bbls. Flour for Glasgow, and 1,000 bushels Wheat for Cuba, and 3,770 bushels Wheat for Oporto. We are indebted to our friend Mr. WM. H. TRAPTOR, of the *Produce Exchange Reporter*, for the annexed statistics of the

Comparative Stock of Flour in New-York Jan. 1,

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.
Wheat and State Flour	662,000	402,000	368,000	422,000
Canada Flour	3,200	200	1,200	600
Southern Flour	17,500	28,000	20,000	40,000
California Flour	.....	.....	16,000	1,100
Grand total, bbls	682,700	503,500	405,000	443,000

Comparative Stock of Grain in New-York Jan. 1.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.
Wheat, bushels	3,678,311	1,600,046	4,020,000	4,400,000
Corn, bushels	4,772,000	1,400,000	2,600,000	640,000
Rye, bushels	777,000	320,000	200,000	60,000
Barley, bushels	2,500,000	200,000	967,000	600,000
Oats, bushels	1,470,000	2,000,000	2,112,000	1,700,000
Malt, bushels	.....	.....	121,000	81,000
Peas, bushels	.....	.....	74,000	67,000

GUNNY BAGS AND BAGGING—Have been quiet but steady. Messrs. H. H. CROCKER & CO. report the stock now in importing hands 5,000 bales Jute and 3,100 bales Jute Butts, with 4,800 bales Bags and 4,900 bales Bagging at Boston.

HAY, &c.—Sale Hay continues in fair request at from 80c.@90c. for shipping, and 90c.@$1 15 for local, and $1 05@$1 10 for Prime; Shiner rifles fall as low as 70c.@$1 10 for Short and Long @ 100 lbs.

HEMP—Trade has been dull, but prices have been maintained. Stocks have include 10 tons and 16,401 bales Manila and 411 bales Jute, at about the same rates, and 29,501 bales Foreign and 128 bales American, same time last year. The consumption of Manila Hemp this year in the United States, as reported by Messrs. H. H. CROCKER & CO., has been 19,000 bales; of Jute, 25,000 bales; of Jute Butts, 250 bales; of Sisal, 1,000 bales; of Manila Hemp, 1,000 bales, and 500 bales Butts, leaving in Boston the stock of Manila in 12,817 bales; Jute, 2,400 bales; Jute Butts, 4,800 bales.

HIDES—Have been more active and steady, on more limited arrivals. The stock, at the close, consists of 94,900 Hides and 900 bales, same time last year 31,500 year before, 159,800; as follows: 42,000 Dry Buenos Ayres, Cordovas, &c., 2,900 Dry Montevideo, 2,000 Dry Orinoco, 4,000 Dry Calcutta, 4,000 Dry Cape, 2,000 Dry Chilia, 5,000 Dry Rogues, and Savanilla, 1,000 Dry West India, 10,000 Dry and Salted Mexican, 4,000 Dry and Salted Texas, 2,700 Dry and Salted Maracaibo, 1,000 Wet salted Buenos Ayres, 1,000 Wet salted Texas, 1,000 Buffalo. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 21,000 Buenos Ayres, chiefly at 22½c., gold; 11,000 Rio Grande, part to arrive, at 24½c., gold; 1,000 Wet-salted Texas, at 20c., gold; 1,000 Buffalo, at 17½c., private terms, and 2,000 Western Slaughter at 16c. @ lb.

HOPS—Have been inactive since our last, including New-York at 28c. @30c.; Eastern, 28c. @30c.; Ohio, 28c. @30c.; Michigan, 28c. @32c.; Wisconsin, 28c. @30c.; Sac. Yearlings, &c. 35c.; Old Olds, &c. 5c. @ lb. Receipts to-day 230 bales; exports, 226 bales. Of the week's business, Mr. Bernard Wallerstein says: "Although our advices from Europe have been very favorable, trade during the month was extremely dull, owing to the intervention of the holidays. Sales of choice Hops have been made this week at figures considerably below our highest quotations, but it has only been by parties whose peculiar pecuniary obligations have rendered the interest of secondary importance as they could not get in order to make a raise; while the more fortunate holders have kept their best samples back, believing that on the opening of the new year a better market will prevail, when higher and better prices will be obtainable. It is very evident our brewers do not intend to 'stock up'—that is to say, they will not buy largely, let the market take what course it will. With holders cheaper, they feel that they can afford to submit to higher prices on Hops without making their general supplies cost more than in former seasons. Our hope for a better market, therefore, rests upon the fact that our importing friends in the Netherlands of England; and when the fact becomes better known that we are really short of the Hops, consumers will not be apt to hold off for lower prices, but buy more freely, even though they may have to pay a little more. The sales of the week, 1,400 bales; total receipts of the season, 70,600 bales. Export clearances last week, 226 bales; total exports of the season from the port of New-York, 47,000 bales. The stock in first hands, at the close of the week, is 23,000 bales, against 19,000 bales last year."

SUGARS—Have been more active and quoted rather firmer, sales, 600 hogsheads Cuba, 300 boxes Havana, and 1,000 bags Manila, at 9½c. @ 9¾c. for Refining Grocery grades, and 10c. @ 10½c. for Refined, in bond, and 11½c. @ 12½c. for Refined, duty paid, chiefly at 12c. @ 12½c. Receipts to-day 230 bales; exports, 226 bales. Of the week's business, Mr. Bernard Wallerstein says: "Although our advices from Europe have been very favorable, trade during the month was extremely dull, owing to the intervention of the holidays. Sales of choice Hops have been made this week at figures considerably below our highest quotations, but it has only been by parties whose peculiar pecuniary obligations have rendered the interest of secondary importance as they could not get in order to make a raise; while the more fortunate holders have kept their best samples back, believing that on the opening of the new year a better market will prevail, when higher and better prices will be obtainable. It is very evident our brewers do not intend to 'stock up'—that is to say, they will not buy largely, let the market take what course it will. With holders cheaper, they feel that they can afford to submit to higher prices on Hops without making their general supplies cost more than in former seasons. Our hope for a better market, therefore, rests upon the fact that our importing friends in the Netherlands of England; and when the fact becomes better known that we are really short of the Hops, consumers will not be apt to hold off for lower prices, but buy more freely, even though they may have to pay a little more. The sales of the week, 1,400 bales; total receipts of the season, 70,600 bales. Export clearances last week, 226 bales; total exports of the season from the port of New-York, 47,000 bales. The stock in first hands, at the close of the week, is 23,000 bales, against 19,000 bales last year."

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OILS—Have been dull but quoted steady, including Crude Whale at 72½c. Crude Sperm at 90c. Refined Sperm at $1 90@$1 95; Lard Oil at $1 20@$1 25; Crude Spermaceti at $1 40@$1 45; Unbleached Sperm at $1 50; Bleached Sperm at $1 60; Lard Oil at $1 20@$1 30; Red Oil at 40c. @45c.; Linseed Oil at 80c. @85c. in bbls., and 75c. @80c. in hhds., and of Sperm 4,100 bbls.

PETROLEUM—The market has been less active; prices have been quoted higher, but irregular. Crude Oil has been quoted nearly at prior rates, but quiet, on the basis of 18½c. in bulk, here for early delivery, with sales reported of 700 bbls., 19½c. @20½c. for Crude, in thirty-active request at 20c. (nominally) for Crude, spring tender, at Philadelphia, and 18c. for Crude, in bulk, at Pittsburg, early delivery, @ gallon. No receipts of Crude to-day, against 1,000 bbls. in the preceding week. The receipts of Crude there 1,612 bbls. The export clearances have include 2,112 bbls. Crude for Havre. Refined Oil has been quiet and firmer, with sales reported, since our last, of 2,200 bbls. Standard White, for December, at 30c. @30½c.; 1,000 bbls. do., January, at 30½c. @31c., and 30½c. @31c. for 500 bbls. do., February, and 31c. @31½c. for April, on private terms @ gallon. The Philadelphia market reported decidedly on the advanced basis of 31½c. for Standard White, for prompt delivery, at which rate 300 bbls. were reported sold, and 31½c. @31½c. by the barrel was the inquiry. Refined Naphtha has been quiet, with sales reported of 1,000 bbls., closing weak. A sale of 2,000 bbls. Standard White, January to June delivery, was also reported at about 31c. @ gallon. The receipts of Refined here were —bbls., at Philadelphia, 2,160 bbls., making the week's arrivals there 11,820 bbls. The export clearances hence have been 15,023 gallons for Gibraltar. Standard White, in cases, is quiet and firmer, with sales reported at 37c. @38½c., and Prime White, 32c. @33½c. @ gallon, with sales reported of 4,000 cases within our range. Naphtha is inactive at 31½c. @31½c., in bbls., and 15½c. @16c., in cases, @ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been inactive but without remarkable change in price. Sales have been reported since our last of 700 bbls., in lots, at 16 for Old Western Mess; $23 @$23 25 for Old and New Prime to Extra Prime, and $27@$27 50 for Hams, @ bbl. Also, 750 bbls. New Mess, seller's option, February and March delivery, at $21 @ bbl. Beef is dull and nominal. Beef Hogs continue in moderate request, at from 12c. @12½c., chiefly at 12c. @12½c. for Western, and 12½c. @13½c. for City, @ lb. Cutmeats are inactive at former prices; Pickled Hams have been confined to equal to 140 packages at 11½c. @12½c. for Sweet-pickled Shoulders, and 12c. @13½c. for Sweet-pickled Hams. Bacon continues in light request at unchanged rates; sales, 60 tierces, including Cumberland, at 14½c., and Long Clear at 14½c. @15c. @ lb. Lard has been very quiet and quoted rather cheaper; sales have been reported of 350 tierces and bbls., in lots, at 13½c. @13½c. for No. 1 to choice Leaf, in tierces; 13½c. @13½c. for Prime, and 13½c. @13½c. for fair to strictly prime Steam @ lb.; 200 tierces prime Western Steam for February delivery, seller's option, on private terms @ lb. Tallow is quiet and nominally unchanged at 9½c. @9¾c. for Prime City, and 9½c. @9¾c. for Prime Western, in hogsheads @ lb.; sales, 115 bbls. These lead to in stock request, including New Prime Mess at from $20 @$21 and India Mess at $27 @$28 50 @ tierce; sales, 20 tierces. Beef Hams continue quiet at from $30 @$32 50 per tierce @ bbl.; sales, 125 bbls. Butter has been in very dull demand, including State, reduced to 20c. @25c. for Ordinary,

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

A Constantinople dispatch says the Sultan has renewed his demand upon the Viceroy of Egypt to abandon the project of an iron-clad fleet, and that the demand is now made in the form of a violent message....Mr. ASHBURY, in publishing the *Cambria-Dauntless* ocean race correspondence, adds in a letter that he will be ready on arriving in New-York to race for the cup won by the *America* in 1851....The London *Times* prints another "Historicus" attack on Mr. Fish's dispatch....Heavy gales have prevailed on the British coast for a few days past, and many wrecks with fatal results are reported....The Spanish General PIERRON has been liberated in Madrid. The roads to the French frontier have been blocked with snow, and the mails stopped. It is reported in Madrid that the King of Italy positively refuses to consent to the candidature of the Duke of GENOA for the Spanish Crown....The weather in Germany is severely cold, and the Elbe is blocked with ice....The French Ministry up to 11 P. M. yesterday was still unorganized, and apprehensions are felt of M. OLLIVIER's inability to form one....The French Director-General of Telegraph Lines "corrects" the statement in President GRANT's Message relating to the examination and control by the French Government of messages by the French cable, and says the Government does not control dispatches from America or elsewhere; but it is bound to see that messages are transmitted in the order in which they are filed or received at Brest, and that no clandestine dispatches are sent, and the Government thus defrauded of the revenue arising from its monopoly of the telegraphic business of the country.

GENERAL.

News of the capture of Port-au-Prince, Hayti, by the revolutionists, and the flight of SALNAVE, is received. The capital was taken on the night of the 17th ult., but little resistance was made by SALNAVE's forces, and no blood was shed.

Advices received in Washington announce that 700 Cuban insurgents had laid down their arms to VALMASEDA, and that the chief, COGA, and his force, had also surrendered. Other Spanish successes are also spoken of. A Havana dispatch says that the insurgents had burned a plantation near Mayajigua, and killed four soldiers and six unarmed Spaniards.

Mr. STEPHEN A. DUBOIS, President of the Hudson River National Bank at Hudson, N. Y., died there yesterday morning, after a short illness. He was 66 years old.

The report of the Auditor of the City of Boston shows the city debt to be $23,432,036, which is a net increase of about $2,000,000 during the past year.

A young woman, Miss BATHAM, of Wheeling, W. Va., who had been seduced by a man named MCNAMEE, called upon him on Thursday, and on his refusal to fulfill his promise to marry her, shot him through the abdomen.

CALDWELL, of the drawback fraud notoriety, was brought before Judges RADGLEY and MOEK, of the Superior Court, at Montreal, yesterday, on a writ of *habeas corpus*. The arguments will be resumed on Monday.

The water in the Hudson at Albany is falling, and is a few inches below the level of the piers. The river is said to be dammed by ice at New-Baltimore and Coeymans.

A prisoner named MARTIN MCGUIRE, awaiting trial for the murder of his wife in Hartford last Summer, committed suicide on Thursday night in jail.

Hon. JOHN OLNEY, Judge of the Greene County Court, died at Catskill, N. Y., on Thursday night.

PATRICK O. HUNIS and GARRETT BARRY were killed on the Buffalo Creek Railroad, in the suburbs of Buffalo, on Thursday evening.

A fight with Indians is reported to have occurred near Fort McDowell, Arizona, in which eleven savages were killed.

The great Southern mail route from the Northeast by Washington, Richmond and Lynchburg to Mobile and New-Orleans, has been changed to a route by way of Cincinnati and Louisville, since the running of three trains daily over the short line road connecting at Louisville with the Nashville and Memphis lines.

The ex-Treasurer of Boone County, Ill., E. KENDALL, according to a Chicago dispatch, is a defaulter to the amount of $20,000, extending from 1865 to 1869.

A kerosene accident occurred at Fort Edward, N. Y., on Tuesday morning, by which a family named PELKEY was dreadfully burned. One of the children died, and the mother and another child cannot survive.

The City Council difficulty in New-Orleans continues.

A Choctaw chief has entered a protest in behalf of his tribe against a violation of the treaty with them by collecting the internal revenue tax in their country.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company has erected a hospital at Sacramento, Cal., at an expense of $70,000.

A St. Cloud (Minn.) dispatch to the Toronto *Globe* of yesterday, says Governor MCDOUGALL arrived there on Thursday from Fort Abercrombie. His party represent the insurrection as a small matter, the real difficulty having been with the Hudson's Bay Company, whose authorities looked on in silence, and whose agents are suspected of instigating the revolt. Colonel DENNIS is represented to have acted as a pacificator throughout.

The British and Portuguese Governments both lay claim to the island of Bolsina, and a portion of the mainland opposite, on the West Coast of Africa, and have chosen the President of the United States as arbitrator.

The *Miantonomoh* and *Terror* are under orders at Boston to proceed to Portland on Monday to receive the war vessel bearing the remains of GEORGE PEABODY.

LOCAL.

GEORGE H. BUTLER, of *Wilkes' Spirit of the Times*, was yesterday held to bail in $2,000 for an assault committed on ALEXANDER HENDERSON, of the Lydia Thompson Troupe, in May last.

Both Boards of the Common Council adjourned *sine die* at 3 P. M. yesterday.

The City Chamberlain has paid $183,025 45 into the City Treasury since taking office, as interest received on the City funds deposited with him.

Argument was heard yesterday before Judge CARDOZO, at the Supreme Court, Special Term, in the Lewis abduction case. It is the case of a mother, who, by writ of *habeas corpus*, seeks to recover from her husband possession of a daughter, aged about 7 years, on the ground that the child was clandestinely taken from her custody in Boston, in violation of an order of a Massachusetts Court, pending the determination of a divorce suit which Mrs. LEWIS had commenced against her husband, Dr. LEWIS, on the ground of adultery. The Court reserved the decision.

The Old Year and the New.

The year which has just closed will not be ranked among the most memorable in modern history. The world has always seemed to be on the verge of great events, but none of them actually came to pass. The *dies iræ* has not yet overtaken the thrones and dynasties long since sentenced to death by the great political soothsayers of the time. No great wars have shaken the universe; NAPOLEON lives; France and England have neither gone to war with each other, nor entered into an alliance with Spain against the United States; anarchy and the "wreck of worlds" seem as distant from us as ever. We have all been kept in an attitude of expectation, but nothing exceedingly remarkable has happened. 1869 came in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. We have now crossed to another narrow isthmus of time, and entered upon the last thirty years of the last century which most middle-aged people are destined to see.

If we were to review the period covered by the "sixties" we should be startled at the changes which have been accomplished. Almost every great European Power finds its position altered, and some appear to have irretrievably fallen back in the race of nations. Austria and England have suffered the most—Austria by a calamitous war, and England by the growing disunion and decline of public spirit among her own people. The affairs of the world are settled now without much reference to England, and that one fact marks a retrogression which few could have anticipated some years ago. The people are becoming enervated under the influence of a school of politicians which in 1859 could scarcely gain a hearing. Austria is recovering from the blow inflicted upon her at Sadowa, but England is manifestly still declining. Perhaps this is the very greatest of all the signs of the times, and it is the one which will most influence the decade upon which we enter this morning. Next in importance is the ominous shadow which gathers over the head of NAPOLEON, after one-and-twenty years of unlooked for prosperity. The stars in their courses seemed to be fighting against him more than once during that eventful period, but the two gifts of genius and courage have enabled him to live through the tempest and the whirlwind. But if he ever knows the moment when the belief in his destiny grows faint, and his star waxes dim, even to his own eyes, such a moment he must be experiencing now.

If we turn from a survey of distant lands and bend our eyes upon our own people, there is little that we shall discern which will not inspire a feeling of gratitude and thankfulness towards Him in whose sight a thousand years are but as one day. When the decade began, slavery still lay like a curse upon the land. We need not recall all that has happened since—histories of transcendent interest will yet be written on the events crowded into this handful of years. But it is impossible for any of us not to see that amid many mistakes, we have made vast progress towards the realization of that exalted ideal of government which animated the hearts of those who first made America a place of refuge from the tyranny of the Old World. Local blots are of comparatively small account now, and will be of infinitely less consequence a few years hence. That city may be misgoverned—the other may have fallen under the control of a degraded and dissolute faction—but the heart of the people is true to the great trust bequeathed to it, and the path before it is clearer and easier than it has been found at any previous stage of our history. The ambitious, the daring, the hopeful still look to this land as the great field for human enterprise, just as the broken and the sorrowful come here to try yet once again to reverse Fortune's decrees. We may, if we will, more than realize all the sanguine prophecies of the greatest of our countrymen, and achieve a place in the world such as the proudest nation that has gone before us never aspired to. Even another ten years of progress will take us very far upon the road.

We shall leave it with those who devote their whole time to such subjects to decide whether "progress" in its highest sense is the great feature of modern life, and whether mankind are substantially wiser or happier than ever before. People whose expectations on these points are very moderate, and who have no faith whatever in the "perfectibility of the human race," will very likely not be disappointed in what they see around them. The antagonisms of creeds beat harshly upon the ear from all sides—the head of one Church proclaims his infallibility as a doctrine, and declares that that Church is more enduring than Heaven. There are all the old elements still at work. Enthusiasts cry out peace when there is no peace. Crime still rages through the world, diseases sweep away tens of thousands of our fellow creatures, suffering and want smite down their victims, and sorrows which have rent the heart in all ages still exercise an unrestricted sway. Nothing is changed. We journey under the same conditions as all who have sailed before us on a trackless sea, and cannot yet descry that era of universal "good will and enlightenment" which has disappeared like a mirage before the travelers who have sunk beneath the waves.

The Relation of Climate to Industry.

The London *Spectator* has been publishing some interesting letters from one of the English artisans who have gone to Ithaca on the invitation of Mr. CORNELL, to assist in the building operations now going on there; and the views of the writer, as those of one of "the pauper laborers of Europe," on the workingman's condition and quality in this country, are well worth attention. In the first year he asserts that the wages, considering the cost of living—and this should be, but is not always considered in estimating the rate of wages—are not nearly so high in this country as has been commonly believed; nevertheless he thinks workingmen, at least at Ithaca, can have more than in England, inasmuch as the temptations to spend are fewer.

There are many comforts to which the English artisan has been accustomed, which there he has to go without, and the money which would go for them he can put into the savings bank. Drinking ale, for instance—moderate drinking, of course—as an evening enjoyment at the tavern, is unknown. There is no good ale, and the whisky he is afraid to touch, even if he had a taste for it. Moreover, the writer in the *Spectator*, if we understand him rightly, intimates that drinking here is more disreputable than it is in England. Of the cheerlessness of the houses, owing to the absence of the open fire, he complains bitterly, and also of the cooking at his boarding house. The food is more abundant than in England, and a much larger number of articles are accessible to the workingman, but his dietary, nevertheless, is much more monotonous. Breakfast and dinner are the same, or almost the same, day after day. There are no little surprises or dainties in the bill of fare. Everybody knows beforehand what he will have for his next meal. The working clothes, too, of the artisan are coarser here than in England—the English artisan apparently taking some pains to indicate by his costume that he is an artizan, and not a mere laborer.

What appears to have taken the Ithacan colonists most by surprise, however, is the complete break the Winter makes in the work of most of the trades, particularly those in any way connected with house building. The correspondent of the *Spectator*, relates, with apparent astonishment, that the masons and stonecutters and carpenters who are working with him, all betake themselves, during the Winter, to some kind of employment wholly foreign to their trade. He tells of one man who is a stonecutter in Summer and either a glassmaker, a wheelwright, hunter or lumberer in Winter; of another, a carpenter in Summer and a teamster in Winter, driving a wagon and pair of horses of his own; and the conclusion he naturally comes to is that it is even more essential to an emigrant to the United States to be able to do many things tolerably well than to do one very well. He must, in short, if he is to get on, be a handy man, ready to turn to whatever presents itself. The hours of labor the writer represents as too long for the pace at which men work,—eight hours here, he thinks, being equal in their effect on mind and body to ten in England; and he thence concludes that eight hours a day ought to be the legal day's work in the United States; but on these points the judgment of a newcomer, not yet acclimated, can hardly be considered final. The effect of this changing about from one occupation to another is naturally somewhat injurious both to the quality of the mechanic's work and to his own standard of excellence, and we can readily believe the *Spectator's* correspondent when he says that work in this country is not as thorough or substantial as it is in England. The work of a jack-of-all-trades has to be more or less defective, and perhaps owing to the climate, and partly to the state of society in many of our Northern States, the mechanic must be for a long time to come more or less of a jack-of-all-trades.

That the Northern Winter has not before this told more seriously on Northern prosperity, and drawn off a greater proportion of its working population, has been unquestionably due to Southern slavery. It was in vain that Southern poets and orators told fine stories about the cattle spending the nights in the fields, and their owners passing their evenings on the piazza in the mouth of January, as long as labor was disgraceful, and the free mechanic worked only one degree above the negro chattel. Now that slavery is dead, however, the probabilities are that in a very few years we shall see a homogeneous society stretching from the Canadian frontier to the Gulf, and possessing in every region a fair mixture of both agriculture and manufactures. But we think it is hardly possible, whenever that time comes, that the superiority of the Southern climate should not begin to exercise its legitimate influence over Southern industry—particularly when combined as it is with extraordinary richness of soil—and should not begin to draw off laborers from the Northern States, just as the Northern States are now drawing them off from Canada.

Undoubtedly the artisan will prefer a region in which he is sure of work in his own trade all the year round, to one in which he has to lay down his chisel in October, and go lumbering or teamstering through the Winter storms. The capitalist, too, who is sure of never losing interest on the capital sunk in unfinished work, will inevitably have an advantage, and a great one, over his Northern competitor, who passes half his year fretting over boarded-up walls or ice-covered water wheels. We think it is impossible to doubt that these considerations will exert a powerful influence on the fortunes of the Northwest, with its tremendous Winters six months long, its frozen rivers and blocked-up roads, and they are worth the attention of every immigrant and every Northern man in search of a home. That they are not influencing the tide of population already is due simply, in our opinion, to the unwise performances of our Southern brethren, whose attachment to the perturbed social state in which they were bred seems stronger than their attachment either to the Confederacy or to slavery, or even their love of money.

The Union League Club and Mr. Stanton.

The honors paid by the Union League Club on Thursday evening to the great War Secretary formed a becoming and well-merited tribute to one to whom not only the "Union League" but the Union itself owed so much. The practical and generous form which the feeling of the Club took when it resolved, in accordance with Mr. A. T. STEWART's report, that it would support heartily the movement for the Stanton fund, "not only as an expression of gratitude, but also as an example which will encourage a fearless, unselfish, honest and patriotic discharge of the public duty," was worthy of the association and of the patriot whose memory they revere.

STANTON was a type, a representative man, of that vast "League" of loyal men, who, in their devotion to the Union, resolved that, come what would, "government of the people, by the people, and for the people, should not perish from the earth." He gave to the Union all that any man ever gave to it—time, fortune, energy, and life itself. Whatever honors are due to those who perilled all for the country, are due to STANTON; whatever remembrance and return should follow, after life's struggle is over, to those whom the patriot holds dear, should come to the family of STANTON.

It is, perhaps, a sad commentary on American public life in general, that we instinctively honor with regards so distinguished an officer whose highest praise is that he was upright and disinterested in public affairs; that we speak of his career as a kind of marvel. Is it so in all countries? Is public life everywhere a career of plundering and recklessness, and is it so strange a phenomenon that we must make wondering mention of it, when a man controls billions in a few years, and yet is so exact a steward that he dies poor? Whatever be the truth elsewhere, and whatever be the reflection it suggests, the careers of men like STANTON and RAWLINS are impressive and honorable. "In the age in which we live," said the Nestor among poets, Mr. BRYANT, "a mercenary, venal, self-seeking age, when public men seek to win popular favor by the lowest arts, and enrich themselves by the basest means, this is a shining example." We are so accustomed to the jocular, half-excusatory phrases with which public dishonesty is cloaked,—we are so habituated to the spectacle of men going into places of honor and trust, comparatively poor, and coming from them loaded with wealth,—that the fact of two successive Secretaries in the War Office—places most auspicious for illicit bargaining and money-getting—leaving their families dependent on the public, after lives of economy, strikes us with a kind of amazement.

But it is a happy reflection that disinterestedness in public service does not go unrewarded among the American people; in this respect, at least, "Republics are not ungrateful." And what comparison is to be made between that honorable income, made up by the spontaneous gratitude of the fellow-countrymen of one who has died in the nation's service, and the accumulated pilferings and plunderings of the dishonest public servant, wherewith he and his kin flaunt their brazen dishonesty in public places?

Such was the tenor of some of the speeches on Thursday evening. And the eloquent tributes then made to STANTON's self-sacrifice, indifference to personal interest, nobility of character, generosity, resolution, sagacity, courage, energy, power of will, power of work, and spotless, exalted all-conquering patriotism, were well deserved. We may believe with Mr. BRYANT that Secretary STANTON "never thought of gaining anything for himself by any office which he held—neither popular favor, nor fame, nor fortune. He thought only of serving his country." With Dr. BELLOWS, we may declare that the Union League Club and the whole nation owe "reverence and gratitude for the great and glorious services, the pure patriotism, the tempted and tried yet spotless public character of EDWIN M. STANTON." With Dr. THOMPSON, we may describe his zeal as that which sought to "drive out with a scourge the profaners of the public temple, and overturn the tables of the money changers." With General VAN BUREN, we may declare that STANTON "accomplished a greater work than fell to the lot of PITT, or CARNOT, or any other War Minister of history."

Above and beyond all this, it is evident that all honors paid to STANTON are incentives to public virtue. They are counter-agents to the loose public official morality of the time; they instruct and inform all our youth that there is something better in public life than self-seeking and pelf, and that the sterner and rarer virtues are still not without honor and reward in our day and generation even as in the day and generation of the fathers.

Errors in Documents as Affecting Legal Rights.

The recent will case in Missouri, where one party alleges that death occurred during the drawing up of the instrument and the signature was obtained after life departed, is horribly grotesque, but not entirely improbable. The testator meant to sign it, and those present literally took the will for the deed. Instances are not unfrequent in the conveyance of property where the owner has his name written for him by some other person better accustomed to use the pen, and acknowledges his putative signature as his own writing before a notary, but whether the revelation of such occurrences would injure a title only a test case can determine. The fault of legal documents is more frequently of the converse order,—the signature being correct, but the document failing to convey the intent of the signer.

An individual who meant to let certain premises, not long ago signed a form after reading the written but not the printed portion, and afterwards learned that it was a deed instead of a lease to which his name was appended. Another accepted a conveyance of property of which the last bounding line was described as ending in "the place of business," whereby a business office which happened to be on the premises was by a copyist's error in a single word substituted for the "place of beginning," where in the usual description a boundary ends. A law firm of high repute passed a title for a client that really conveyed nothing; all but the first bounding line was accidentally omitted in describing the property, so that no space whatever was included. The deed was recorded without remark in the county office, and no suspicion of its worthlessness was entertained until three years afterwards, when the discovery was made by a subsequent purchaser. Errors like the latter should be reported at the offices of record. In New-Jersey this matter meets more careful attention than in this State, and there, also, the form of acknowledgment compels the witnessing official to ascertain whether the signer is fully cognizant of the contents of a document, a practice which tends to the correction of inaccuracies.

It is an error of frequent recurrence for a property owner to pay his neighbor's taxes and leave his own unpaid—perhaps gaining his first knowledge of it after it has been repeated for some years, and he is notified that his own property is sold because of the non-payment. Such a mistake cannot be corrected at the tax office. The recovery of the money paid depends chiefly upon the honesty of the neighbor, and release from the incumbrance of the tax sale may be more or less costly and troublesome, according to circumstances. If the Receiver of Taxes issued to each property owner a notice of the amount of his taxes about the time they become payable, many losses of time, temper and money would be averted, and the saving to the community would more than recompense the expense of a record of the addresses of taxpayers and of mailing their notices.

The readiness with which the particulars of an engraved or printed form escape notice is curiously illustrated by the ten cent United States currency of the issue now going out of circulation. It contains "ten" and "10" many times repeated; but not one person in a thousand has noticed that it nowhere mentions *cents*. Insurance policies, those of fire more than those of life, are full of provisos in small print that are apt to be overlooked by the insured; and there is one called the "mortgagee clause" inserted in a large class of policies issued in this City, the phraseology of which quite surpasses the comprehension of ordinary intellects. A suit entitled Riddlesbarger *vs.* Hartford Insurance Company, after a slow process of appeal from one tribunal to another, has been decided against the plaintiff, a Missourian, who first attempted suit within twelve months from the date of loss, but through some irregularity was non-suited. There was a proviso in the policy forfeiting any claim unless suit was brought within that limit of time. The final decision is that a non-suit was not a suit, and that the proviso nullifies his subsequent proceedings.

Such oversights are by no means confined to careless people. One of the shrewdest of New-York landlords was unpleasantly surprised by finding, after a fire, that there was a clause in his policy by which the insurance on a dwelling house was vitiated by a want of notice to the Company that the building remained temporarily untenanted and empty. It is customary with most of our business men at this season of the year to take an account of stock, and carefully examine the condition of their affairs. We know of one who also reads through all the documents that have accumulated during the twelvemonth; and he says he rarely fails in finding some important clauses, especially in his insurance policies, that had previously escaped his observation. A careful perusal of such literature by those whom it may concern is certainly advisable, although it can scarcely be regarded as light reading for the holidays.

This is a day of good intentions. A good many people every year put off the relinquishment of some bad habit or little vice until they can arrive at some definite starting point of time. They *positively* will turn over a new leaf with the new year's advent. There is a capital opportunity now for the renewal of this experiment, though it has so frequently failed before. For example, young men who think profanity an ornament of speech may resolve to swear no more. "Smart" people may determine upon a new interpretation of the word. Folks who have thought riotous behavior in public only an exhibition of manly independence may make up their minds to be nuisances no longer. But why add to these illustrations? Let those whom the cap fits wear it—may it be to them a cap of wisdom that will not wear out until this day twelve month at least!

We spoke recently of the memorial circulating among medical men in New-York, asking that their brethren in the naval service may receive from Congress that staff rank which they desire. We now understand that a counter-memorial is in circulation, which has already received the signature of many prominent shipping merchants, and which deprecates the holding of the rank of Captain and Commander by any one on board ship, except the commanding officers, as being "fatal to discipline." If discipline is in such a bad way (which we do not believe) that an extra badge of rank on a Surgeon's sleeve or shoulder, or an extra handle to his name, is affected by it, it ought to be remedied forthwith. It is a pity that officers forced to live within the narrow limits of the same ship, cannot agree on some fair compromise in this matter of staff rank.

If the trade of Manhattan Island were to migrate up town along with the fashionable residences and theatres, and leave the Battery end in the condition of Tyre and Sidon at present, we could understand the arguments of those who wish for a General Post Office away beyond Bleecker-street. But the great commercial business of New-York must always continue to be carried on within the compass of the smaller island once made by the Canal-street Creek and the rivulet going from the Collect into the Sound—unless, indeed, some unforeseen cataclysm should turn things "the clean contrary way," and bring the ocean by way of Spuyten Duyvel Creek. While the retail dealers may like the idea of crowding up town, the trade centre of New-York rests geographically somewhere near the City Hall Park; and that great fact should not be forgot by those who are so unreasonably debating the question of a site for the Post Office.

The French seem to have a perpetual tendency to do what that ghastly joker, DE QUINCEY, did only once, that is, to treat "Murder as one of the Fine Arts." When they have some thing diabolical and imposing in that line, they manage it as if it were a sort of solemn rite, investing it with such a pageantry of jurisprudence that it is, to all intents and purposes, "as good as a play." Almost every human science is sometimes brought to bear on the popular atrocity, and the nicest logic discriminates and emphasizes the whole case. The affair of TRAUPMANN is one more instance of this. His trial was conducted with the most orderly precision of the law, and he was found guilty so completely and with such *éclat*, that the wretch had nothing to say against the verdict, receiving it, we are told, with a smile, as if he really enjoyed the whole ceremony as well as the rest, and thanking the Judge and jury with great politeness.

A good result has come out of the continual strikes among the London cabmen. They are to be allowed to charge what fares they please, the only condition being that the rate adopted be legibly advertised on the cab itself. This new feature introduces legitimate competition where most needed, in respect to public conveyances. It is said that Londoners hope that the rivalry will embrace cleanliness, speed, civility, and other pleasant accompaniments of travel. Who knows?—we may have something of the sort here some day. Indeed, one part of the new London system is already in vogue here—our hackmen charge what they please, only they vary the fares with the circumstances of each trip. But as for asking them to display their terms, so that the hirer may be forewarned, that, of course, would be an interference with liberty.

The Shaker demonstration in Boston seems to have been a trivial affair. Less than a hundred spectators assembled, and that although the principles of the Shaker Church were announced to be community of property; a life of celibacy, non-resistance, and the extinction of government. If such attractions as these cannot draw an audience, it is hard to conceive what more alluring could be offered. The Shakers were very well advertised in Boston lately by their quarrel with Mr. REDPATH, and one would naturally expect greater results from the somewhat energetic way in which the Shaker doctrines have been urged of late. We grant that they cannot reasonably expect to make such a numerical show as the Mormons, who are at the other extreme of religious practice, especially now that the Mormons have been in existence more than twenty years. But it must be confessed that the Shaker statistics for the last few years are anything but promising.

Baron ROTHSCHILD is understood to have been rather eagerly pressing his claims recently for an English peerage. He has much money and bonds, and Mr. GLADSTONE was disposed to indulge his vanity by raising him to the House of Lords. But the Lords still object to the presence of a Jew among them. They will have to give up that antiquated prejudice some day, but meanwhile it has sufficed to disappoint the hopes of Baron ROTHSCHILD. He must content himself with the "solid pudding," in exchange for which many Peers would willingly give up their empty titles.

The fright of those who dreaded a Mongolian invasion is subsiding. Even the Californians are recovering their equanimity and thrashing John Chinaman far less than at first. The nature of these Orientals themselves will be the best breakwater against any inordinate crowding, for they are asking higher wages and approaching the American standard in that respect. This natural shrewdness of the Chinese, together with their customary love of home, the length and expense of the voyage, and their religious antipathies, all will keep the emigration of Mongolians and Japanese within the bounds of safety and convenience—giving one more instance how a fair liberty of trade and intercourse has a tendency to correct any of the evils which may, at first sight, appear to belong to it.

Once more, why is coal at retail, from individual dealers, but little lower in price than before the wholesale reductions? A fall of over a dollar a ton took place a day or two since, but what yard bulletin is altered? It is intolerable that while the dealer has to pay but a little over $6 a ton of 2,240 pounds the public is charged $8 50 per ton of 2,000 pounds. It is fair to add, however, that the great companies show a disposition to act more liberally than the dealers, and are pushing direct trade with consumers at some approach to fair dealing. The consumer has only to buy according to his immediate needs: there are remedies for extortion, and this is one that is sure to tell in the long run.

We learn from India that the native gentlemen, especially in the Western Presidency, are preparing a great reception for the Duke of EDINBURGH. The native Princes generally are determined to testify their loyalty to the Queen by heaping honors upon her second son. When we recollect that young gentleman's exploits in Australia, the South Sea Islands, and other places which he has visited, we are constrained to sympathize with the Parsees and Princes on the disappointment they are doomed to encounter. An Indian Prince is generally a gentleman—and he has been taught to believe that an English Prince behaves like a gentleman also. If the Duke of EDINBURGH has one true friend at his elbow, that friend will warn him against playing off any of his favorite tricks in India. He could not try them in a more dangerous place. English "prestige" in India has received some severe shocks before now through the follies or excesses of individuals, but for one of the Queen's sons to act in any unbecoming manner would do more mischief than a dozen Viceroys could undo. It does not signify much to us, perhaps—but even from this distance it is not an edifying spectacle to see a couple of Princes setting at naught the noble example of a wise father and a good mother.

The recent decision of our Court of Common Pleas, regarding passengers' baggage and common carriers, seems to have given great satisfaction everywhere, except, of course, to steamboat companies and railroad companies. The Court declared that while a steamboat company might make reasonable rules about baggage, it must bring those rules to the knowledge of passengers; and that, in any case, a rule requiring *all* baggage to be placed in the baggage room was unreasonable, when it prevented passengers from retaining with them articles for daily use. Common carriers aim nowadays to escape the very obligations which the law imposes on them. A man who sends a package by express, or goes himself as passenger in a train of cars or on a boat, is confronted, when it is too late to make other arrangements, by a long list of printed "agreements," so-called, whereby it is declared that the expresser or the passenger voluntarily gives up pretty much all the security which the law affords him for the safe transportation of himself or his baggage. Of course the companies cannot enforce such one-sided "compacts," and they never will stand for more than the law, independent of the "contract," will allow. Reasonable regulations will be recognized by the law, without any pretence of "implied contract;" and nothing that is unreasonable can be supported by the pretence that such a compact is made by the act of buying a ticket.

The strange story of the "Welsh fasting girl" has yet to be inquired into a little further. Our readers will probably remember that a girl named SARAH JACOBS was said to have lived two years without food. At length it was arranged that a vigilant watch should be set upon her by four professional nurses, sent from a London hospital. Her parents consented, and the bed on which she lay was thoroughly searched. After eight days of surveillance, the poor girl died, having refused to touch any food. This is taken by some as conclusive evidence of the imposture. But we venture to say that it will not be decisive to the minds of many. Medical men have already pointed out that if the girl had been in a cataleptic state, the excitement produced by the nurses constantly watching her would be quite sufficient to cause death. We find in the London *Times* of Dec. 20 the report furnished by the nurses of the girl's state down to the time of her death. From this it appears that for a day or two she was quite cheerful and happy, but it is perfectly clear that after that the presence of strange persons round her night and day agitated and distressed her. The poor child—she was only thirteen years old—had been removed from her bed, and her parents were not allowed to go near her. Soon she became restless at night, and then delirious. It looks to us very much as if the "professional" nurses and doctors had killed her among them. One night she was allowed to "suffer very much from cold." Perhaps they were afraid of her eating the bedclothes.

AMUSEMENTS.

An Incident at the Grand Opera House.

The Grand Opera House was crowded last night, and the scene of something different from the ordinary professional exhibition of feeling. During the evening it was evident that Mr. LINGARD was in very low spirits, as his songs in character lacked their usual heartiness, and his playing in "Pluto" bore evidence of much nervousness. Mrs. ALICE DUNNING LINGARD entered into the requirements of her *rôle* of *Orpheus* with great dash and enthusiasm, although at times there was a very apparent constraint in the jollity with which she attempted to invest it. Aware of the quarrel between these artists, the audience marked attentively their looks and gestures when the business of the burlesque brought the couple together; but as portions of the dialogue between them were cut short for obvious reasons, nothing but Mr. LINGARD's retirement from the stage, or some agitation when first he and his wife met in their respective parts, occasioned any comment. They did not meet again until the scene in which *Orpheus* demands of *Pluto* his release from Hades. At this particular moment Mr. LINGARD (*Pluto*) was as pale as a sheet. The lady representing *Proserpine* handed him the pasteboard pass from the internal regions, which Mr. LINGARD gave to Miss DUNNING. His excitement now was very plainly perceptible to the audience, and just as the lady began the song "Fare thee well, love," &c., he flung aside all restraint, and catching her in his arms, kissed her again and again. With some difficulty she broke from his embrace and rushed behind the scenes, leaving her husband pale and almost fainting, with his head resting on the shoulder of Miss HARRIS (*Proserpine*.) He recovered his consciousness in a few minutes, and followed his wife. Then, delighted with this outburst of genuine affection, the audience approved of it by thunders of applause. The stage was deserted for a brief period, until Mrs. LINGARD, (the first to regain her self-possession,) came forward to the footlights, made a bow, was greeted with a round of plaudits, and continued the piece. Mr. LINGARD mechanically went through his part, until the *finale*, when, using the words "Remember Pluto," the audience once more brought the performance to a stand still by their repeated demonstrations of pleasure at the reconciliation.

It became necessary to drop the curtain. The clamor continued amid loud cries for Mr. and Mrs. LINGARD. After a lapse of ten or fifteen minutes, the former came before the curtain and said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I thank you for your good wishes. Mrs. LINGARD and I will get along nicely now. And I desired to commence the new year well, and to do better for the future. But (in great agitation,) I fear my conduct on the stage this evening has only offended her whose regard I value more than the good opinion of all the world.

And, after this speech, Mr. LINGARD retired amid renewed proofs of delight.

Distinguished Arrivals.

Among the passengers by the steamship *Main*, from Bremen and Southampton, yesterday, were Mr. CHARLES FECHTER and Mlle. CARLOTTA LECLERCQ. Both artists, who appear at BIBLO's next week, are sojourning at the Westminster Hotel.

The "Monthly" of the Y. M. C. Association.

The first number of the new monthly of the Young Men's Christian Association made its appearance yesterday. In shape and size it resembles *Appletons' Journal*, and has on its first page an excellent engraving of the new building in Twenty-third-street. Among the contributors are Rev. Dr. John Hall, Rev. Dr. J. P. Thompson, Rev. Dr. S. H. Tyng, Rev. C. D. Foss, President Anderson, of Rochester University, and others. An important feature of the magazine, which bears the name of *Association Monthly*, is a department devoted to the news of the Associations in the country, and other union Christian organizations, both domestic and foreign. It shows in a compendious form what Christian communities are doing the world over towards associating together in the great work they are now engaged in separately. The price of the *Monthly* per year is but $1. It starts with an edition of 5,000 copies.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE BREMEN STEAMSHIP MAIN.

The steamship *Main*, which left Bremen Dec. 18, and Southampton Dec. 21, reached this port yesterday. Her advices are later by two days than those received by the *Nemesis*.

The report of the loss of the *Dearhound*, says the London *Globe*, is quite untrue. She arrived safe at Malta on the 14th of December. The *Globe* learns by telegraph from Pyzes that Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE was in Paris on Dec. 18.

ROCHEFORT's new paper, *La Marseillaise*, has appeared. A Paris letter to the *Morning Herald* says the first number is decidedly dull. An article of ROCHEFORT's, which combines pretension and dullness, and a letter of RASPAIL, which combines dullness and extravagance, with the usual revolutionary rant, form the *pièces de résistance*. The best thing in it is a collection of scraps, in the *Lanterne* style. The first a revival of that old libel about the Emperor's parentage, Admiral VERHUELL, &c.; next there is a foul anecdote about Prince NAPOLEON. After this we have paragraphs of this kind: "Anxious about the Senate, we have diligently consulted tables of mortality to try and ascertain for how much longer our conscript fathers will be spared us. The reader will understand how horrified we were at discovering that, according to the very best actuaries, every member of the 'august assembly' should have been buried eight years ago at latest."

In the sitting of the Legislative Body, Dec. 20, M. ROCHEFORT moved an interpellation asking the Government to explain why the Deputy, PAUL ANGULO, an exile from Spain for having done his duty, has been expelled from France at a time when the presence of a deposed Queen, who conspires in open daylight, is imposed upon the French nation. In the course of his remarks he said the severity of the French Government in apprehension of a Republic was reasonable, since that form of Government was near at hand. The Minister of the Interior replied that France showed a generous hospitality to all foreigners, kings or subjects. ANGULO had entered France after attempting to create civil war, and had afterwards failed in the duties he owed as a refugee, by preaching insurrection. Thereupon the Government put into operation the law of 1849. The Minister of the Interior added that the Government was resolved to treat as they deserved all attempts to stir up disorder, and would render the minority harmless, not by force, but by moral authority, supported by the concurrence of the entire people. Enthusiastic applause followed the Minister's speech, and after a remark from M. ROCHEFORT that Belgium and Switzerland gave refuge to Republicans, the matter was allowed to drop.

The health of King VICTOR EMMANUEL no longer causes any uneasiness. His Majesty has, however, left for Turin to escape a second miliary eruption, as that malady frequently returns at intervals of a few months with persons who have once been attacked by it.

The celebrated sculptor, LAUNITZ, to whose chisel the people of Frankfort-on-the-Main are indebted for the admirably-executed Gutenberg Monument, has just died, after a tedious illness, at the age of 74. He was a native of Courland, but for many years before his death had resided at Frankfort, which he regarded as the home of his adoption.

The Vienna papers complain that the Emperor of Austria's speech is too reserved upon several important subjects. Its silence with regard to the Council has been much remarked, especially as it was expected that owing to the struggle going on between the civil power and public opinion against the principles of the Concordat and Ultramontanism, the Government would have declared its resolution to maintain the separation of the Church from the State, liberty of conscience, and the laws upon public worship, marriage, and education, which in several provinces have met with such violent opposition from the clergy. The Reichsrath has resolved that before discussing the address the Government should be asked for explanations on these subjects.

The *Russian Invalid* gives some further particulars of the Russian expedition to the Caspian Sea. It says that "the idea of founding a commercial station on the southeastern shores" of that sea "is now realized." "Conformably with the orders of His Majesty a detachment of the Army of the Caucasus, under the command of Staff Colonel STOLETOFF, composed of a battalion of the Eighty-second Regiment of the line, thirty sappers, seventy Cossacks, a battery of mountain artillery, and a division of field artillery, making 1,500 men in all, has arrived in the Bay of Krasnovodsk." "Our future commercial colony," proceeds the *Invalid*, is to be established "in the valley of Kouvodagskaya, near the wells of Schagadam and Suidjikoum, and not far from the famous well of Balkoui. Our relations with the natives are friendly."

The Emperor of Russia's health having been proposed at a grand dinner at the Royal Palace in Berlin by the King of Prussia, on whom the Emperor of Russia had just conferred the Grand Cross of the Order of St. George, the Russian Ambassador, M. OUBRIL, then begged, in the name of the Emperor of Russia, to propose the health of the King of Prussia. Expressing himself in the French language, he said: "As your Majesty has deigned to permit me a few words on this occasion, I am happy to profit by that authorization to thank your Majesty for the words you have just pronounced—words which will find a ready echo in the heart of the Emperor, my august master. In conferring on you, Sire, the insignia of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. George, the highest honor known to the Russian Army, the Emperor has wished to give you a new proof of his personal friendship and his profound esteem. At the same time it will be justly regarded as a new pledge of the ties which unite the two sovereigns, the two nations and the two armies—a pledge conformable to the interests of the two countries and to those of Europe. It is with these sentiments and the repeated expression of my thanks, Sire, that I have the honor, in the name of the Emperor, to propose your Majesty's health."

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

Mr. Otway, M. P., on the Alabama Claims and International Relations.

On Dec. 20 Mr. OTWAY, M. P., addressed his constituents at Chatham. In the course of his remarks, he said that there was a country which would ever be to us one of surpassing interest—he meant the United States of America. There was a sympathetic chord between the people of these kingdoms and the people of the United States which seemed constantly to be touched by some unexpected event. At this moment there were plowing the ocean two ships—the *Monarch* and the *Plymouth*—from the mast-head of the first flew the flag of England, and the American flag from the masthead of the latter. The English ship was bearing to its American home the body of that grand citizen of the United States whose name was written in imperishable characters in the hearts of the poor of this country. There could be no war—there should be no ill-feeling between the English people and the people of the United States. Red tape, civil war and commotion had stirred questions that had brought about a state of things not entirely satisfactory between the two countries. The President of the United States had expressed his good will and his desire that the question pending between them might be solved in a friendly manner. That feeling, he was sure, was heartily reciprocated by this country, which desired that all existing differences should terminate, and terminate to the honor and the satisfaction of the people of both countries. Her Majesty's Government hoped that the *Alabama* controversy would be so settled. Meanwhile they had been fortunate enough to bring to a satisfactory conclusion a question of primary importance between Great Britain and the United States; a question which had existed between them ever since the treaty of 1783; he meant the question of naturalization, and of the claims of this country to the indelible allegiance of the natural-born British subject even after he has emigrated to the United States. The difficulty of dealing with that question had been much complicated by the fact that the law in the United States said in England was the same. The negotiations from 1792 to 1812 and the war which at the latter date broke out between the two countries mainly turned upon that question. Further negotiations on the subject were carried on in 1818, in 1842 and in 1846, and again fresh negotiations were opened in connection with the matter of the Fenian convicts in 1868. A Royal Commission was appointed, over which Lord CLARENDON presided, to report on the subject; and the result was that a protocol had been signed, by which the citizens and subjects of the two countries were free to divest themselves of their native nationality, and to incorporate themselves to all intents and purposes as subjects and citizens with the country of their choice. That Royal Commission, which labored with very great diligence and effect, had made a very comprehensive report on the matter, and an act of Parliament was now in course of preparation, which would be introduced early next session, to give effect to the protocol. Thus a question full of difficulty between the United States and the country had been satisfactorily adjusted. They went back when they attempted to speculate upon the future of the United States—a country inhabited by a kindred race with ourselves, which should excite in us feelings of pride rather than of envy. There were men now present who, he would venture to say, would live to see 100,000,000 of men of Anglo-Saxon blood in the United States of America. But we also were the heirs of a great empire. The valor and the wisdom of our forefathers had created for us a noble inheritance, and that inheritance we would preserve.

IRELAND.

English Legislation for the Irish—Advice from The O'Donoghue.

To the Editor of the London Times:

SIR: I think it may safely be asserted that the House of Commons is now more amenable to popular influences than it ever has been at any previous period. This has been testified to all observers by the liberal character of the Reform bill, which even a Conservative Ministry found it necessary to introduce, as well as by the Irish Church bill of last session. I have had ample opportunities of studying the inner life of the House of Commons, and it is perfectly plain to me that the unconstitutional ascendency of the territorial class no longer prevails there, and that those sectarian and national prejudices which were irresistible have lost, the latter all, the former nearly all, their potency. No one can say that the present House of Commons—I speak of the ruling majority—is devoted to class interests as distinct from those of the great body of the people, or that it is bigoted, except in its intolerance of bigotry, or that it is anti-Scotch or anti-Irish. My recent experience as a member of Parliament satisfies me that what has been for a long time called the popular branch of the Legislature is rapidly becoming really popular, that it desires to legislate for all in accordance with the spirit of natural justice, that it deeply reverences the constitutional rights of the people, and it is firmly determined to secure the free exercise of those rights. I am prepared to rest my claim to the confidence of my constituents upon the accuracy of these views. I feel it to be my duty, as an Irish representative, to give them public expression, and, Sir, I address myself to you in my anxiety to give them the widest publicity.

I wish to assure my countrymen that the picture so often held up before them of a House of Commons oligarchical, fanatical, anti-Irish, prepared to bully and cringe alternately, has no existence in these days, and is a creation of the perverted imagination of those who desire to sow horror, hatred and despair where confidence, friendship and hope should alone flourish.

It may be said, Are not the Irish people capable of judging for themselves and drawing their own conclusions? Are they ignorant of passing events? Or are they so deficient in intelligence as to be unable to comprehend the meaning of those events? Why not leave them to their own untinged judgment? No doubt, this would occur to most persons on the instant as the proper thing to do, and under ordinary circumstances to do anything else would be supererogatory and officious. But the circumstances of the time are extraordinary. Two or three years ago I could not conscientiously have spoken of the House of Commons as I may now speak of it. The change which has come over the minds of Englishmen and Scotchmen with reference to the policy which ought to be pursued towards Ireland has been so sudden and contrary to all experience and tradition that the Irish people, so far from having realized its scope and tendency, as yet question its reality. While Ireland is thus doubtful, with a heart full of bitter memories, with the gloom of the past still overshadowing the future, with so much to inspire distrust, men have been found denying and distorting facts imputing the basest motives, suggesting treachery, and urging the contumelious rejection of every friendly overture. We are in a state of transition. The masses of the people are emerging from a condition of political bondage, quiescence or serfdom to one of self-reliance, activity and independence, and consequently we see everywhere a confusion, a turmoil, a conflict of opinion, a disruption of old ties, or rather chains, never before witnessed within the compass of this island. Right above the general tumult are heard the misleading voices of a petted, pampered faction, and of those whose patriotism is at best the pursuit of a phantom. All this it is that renders it incumbent upon those who know the truth to proclaim it at this juncture, in order that persistent misrepresentation may not warp the judgment of Irishmen and bring us at least to the verge of national lunacy.

When you declare that, even if we stand aloof, in defiance of discouragement, you will endeavor to serve us, you give a most convincing proof of that change in the public feelings of Great Britain towards Ireland which I maintain has occurred. While I rejoice at this, and have the utmost faith in your good intentions, you must allow me to tell you that any legislation for Ireland which is the sole production of Englishmen, is certain to be radically defective, superficial and transitory in its effects. Irish legislation should be principally the handiwork of Irishmen, based upon their convictions of the requirements of their country. Your advice cannot fail to be of the greatest assistance to us; but there are matters connected with the management of what I will call the domestic concerns of Ireland, of which a majority of her representatives are the only rightful and competent judges. I hold, accordingly, that our loss will be incalculable if we remain indifferent at this crisis, if we permit others to try and do for us what cannot be done effectively without our vigorous cooperation; and, therefore, that the patriot is bound to call upon the Irish people to avail themselves of the resources of the Constitution, to enter with good faith into the alliance which the Liberal Party throughout Great Britain press upon them, with no other stipulation than that of loyalty to the Throne and to the unity of the Empire.

It seems quite necessary to investigate minutely the causes which have produced the alteration in the disposition and temper of the House of Commons. At first slow, it has latterly been rapid. The compound of class interest and individual corruption which made up the old Parliamentary system has been gradually dissolved by the breath of the popular constituencies, who have infused the love of freedom, the spirit of toleration and Christian brotherhood, into the whole of the body-politic. In Ireland, as I have already observed, the people are advancing in intelligence and independence, and are rising superior to the influences which have made the Parliamentary representations of this country "a mockery, a delusion and a snare." Hitherto, the electoral body, as a general rule, not daring to use their constitutional privileges for their own benefit, have been marshaled in two opposing camps and driven hither and thither without the smallest regard being paid to private views. If an individual ventured to think and act for himself, the consequences which befell him involved him in ruin, and served as a warning to others not to imitate his rash example. In short, the Constitution was monopolized by a class. The result of this was that nothing was done for the popular cause, except at long intervals, by spasmodic efforts and under excitement that could not be sustained. If the people did not actually forget that there was such a principle as that of constitutional action, they came utterly to lose all faith in it as a means of redressing their grievances, and began to turn their thoughts to the last resource of misgoverned nations. The exertions of the teachers of those days were superhuman, and their achievements well-nigh miraculous. Whatever public opinion existed was on the side of the monopolists of political power, and an obsequious and partisan Press waylaid every man who had the courage to stimulate the electors to the assertion of their undoubted rights. Suddenly public opinion has veered almost to the other extreme of deprecating interference with electoral freedom under any pretext, and a Press daily in the hands of millions is both the apostle and the guardian of political liberty. What every one in a certain station once did openly, and as a matter of course, none can do now without incurring universal odium or personal danger. We are fast approaching the point when the political opinions of the individual will be considered as inviolable, and treated with a respect scarcely less inferior, to that which the common consent of civilized men accords to religious belief.

As if to illustrate the perversity of human nature, this is the precise time which some men have selected to counsel the Irish people to abandon constitutional action and practically to become a nation of conspirators. We are to exhume old wrongs, to fan afresh the spirit of revenge, and steel our hearts against the advance of friendship. We are to forswear all good that has not been baptized in blood; we are to retire into the recesses of our hearts, and there resolve to do something or other at some indefinite period. Till then the sun of progress must stand still. It is scarcely possible to imagine a situation when such a programme could be accepted by Christian men, and when estimated in relation with the actual position and prospects of Ireland it stamps its originators and promulgators as the incarnation of mischief. Are we to abandon constitutional action at the moment when it is certain to become effectious; when the obstacles which stood in its way are vanishing before that growing intelligence and independence which are even preparing additional guarantees for the security of popular rights; when the people and their friends hold the citadel once in the exclusive keeping of the nominees of an oligarchy?

It is not my intention to advise my countrymen to put implicit trust in any Minister or Cabinet. I advise them to rely upon themselves, to employ their constitutional powers through their representatives, and to remember that they can control their representatives. I tell the Irish people to let it clearly be understood what it is they require, and that whatever measure a majority of their representatives agree to support the House of Commons will pass, if it be intelligible, no matter how novel are its features or how violent the opposition it has to encounter.

Sir, I trust you will pardon my troubling you with these observations, and that you will believe I have done so from an ardent wish to promote the welfare of Ireland and the peace and [illegible] of the United Kingdom.

I have the honor to be your humble servant,
KILLARNEY, Dec. 16. THE O'DONOGHUE.

THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

Discord in the Assembly—How the First Meeting was Broken Up.

ROME (*Dec. 14*) *Correspondence London Times.*

The truth about the first meeting with closed doors, (that is, on the 10th,) is coming out. It was a scene of the greatest confusion. I am now told that the minority was 130. It was the Archbishop of Temesvar, in Croatia, it is now said, who was making a Latin speech, protesting against the forms and arrangements as interfering with the independence of the Bishops, when the bell rang and he was called to order. Thereupon, it is added, the Primate of Hungary came to his rescue, and in his turn was called to order in a like manner. Upon this DUPANLOUP made a strong observation in good French and left the Hall, with the Archbishop of Paris and a hundred others, in fact, breaking up the meeting. All the Bishops concur, plain that they are powerless; that they have had no time to know what they are wanted to do; that they have only been allowed eight days to make one another's acquaintance; finally, that the Hall is intolerable. They are dying of cold, and they cannot hear one another. They say the present accommodation is utterly inadequate; that they require many more rooms, and those larger than what have been improvised in and about St. Peter's. I hear that some of them say the Council ought to have been held at the Lateran or the Quirinal, where they might have had a whole palace for the work, and rooms for conversation and other business. They are now obliged to find opportunities for mutual information and conference where they can, and Cardinals, and others who happen to have palaces at their command, are holding nightly large reunions. Very late ones, too, I suspect, for the streets are getting noisy at midnight, more so than when I came. Thus the first meeting on the 10th ended with an abrupt adjournment; and I cannot doubt that of to-day has done also. This is not very promising for the presumed object of the Council, which every day recedes further into the limbo of vain aspirations. If the dogma of infallibility is adopted, it is now said positively the French Concordat will be at once withdrawn, and Pius IX. will find that with a new position new relations also will have to be arranged. So strongly is this intention announced that the Pope's friends accuse France of dictating, and Frenchmen do not deny the imputation. The situation is described on both sides as *pressing*; and it is likely, now that the way of it is cut by continual adjournments, till time itself may bring some sort of escape. But as for any conclusions being come to and proclaimed by Jan. 6, that is pronounced impossible.

Position of the American Bishops.

ROME, Dec. 15.

* * * The Papal authorities have housed the Bishops with careful and discriminating hospitality. Those who could not be absolutely trusted have been lodged with safe companions, in the proportion of one weak brother to half a dozen strong. In one palace, two or three known to want their faith confirmed, are in charge of ten stout believers. The Jesuits have had the manipulation of the flock, and have done it well. There is not one of them who has not his feelings sounded and reported upon daily; and the common study of the period appears compelled to speak. In this way it will be ascertained what points can be pressed—supposing it desirable to press them—and what not. But the Pope will probably not propose at all what he would have to withdraw. The American Bishops, I hear it said, plead their difficulties at home. The Syllabus has excited a good deal of attention there, and has been denounced as an attack upon civil society, putting everybody pledged to it in antagonism to his fellow citizens. At first sight it might seem that under a Constitution, founded on the right of private judgment and the will of the majority, there would be no great reason to meet an external claim to entire spiritual and social submission. But it is plain the Americans entertain a strong dislike to the kind of thing altogether, and that any maintainer of the Pope's Infallibility and supreme authority in the chief affairs of life will often find himself at a disadvantage. So the American Bishops would rather be out of it. Indeed, they say they cannot help themselves; the new converts stipulate for their liberty. If this be the case in the United States, it cannot be otherwise in all the States of the Old World, where religion is at all a matter of controversy, and where there are such things as converts from one communion or one school to another. The objections to infallibility are said to take a great variety of forms, but that must be only a variety of language, expression, and circumstances. There is one master objection at the root of all objections, and that is the individuality and the self-consciousness which make every man, who thinks at all, think for himself by laws and rules of his own, and from his own point of view. The man who thinks is already on a throne, and he does not even vacate it when he has solemnly accepted the Pope for his lord paramount. He still holds it in that See.

THE ROCKVILLE BANK ROBBERY.

Over $10,000 Stolen—The Keys Taken from the Treasurer's House.

From the Hartford (Conn.) Courant, Dec. 30.

During Tuesday night the Savings Bank in Rockville was entered by burglars. The robbery was unusually bold and daring. A visit was first made to the residence of Mr. L. BISSELL, Treasurer of the bank, and from his pocket keys were taken which gave the scamps ready admission to the bank building and safe. Though the burglars entered the sleeping apartment of Mr. BISSELL, they aroused no one in the family, and it was not till morning that the Treasurer knew anything of the affair, his attention being first attracted by the removal of his pants into another room. Upon going to the bank, he was found that the burglars had done their work in passably good order, and had left of their tools only a crowbar as a souvenir of their visit. Proceeding from the bank with their booty, they stole a hand car belonging to the Rockville Branch Road, and rode upon it as far as the North Meadows, the side of the bridge, where it was found dropped from the track yesterday forenoon.

Investigation shows that the loss to the bank is $10,200, the securities taken being as follows: $6,200 Five-twenty bonds; two $1,000 Indiana Central Railroad bonds, and two $1,000 Springfield, Ill., City bonds. A reward of $200 has been offered by the Treasurer of the bank for the recovery of the property, or a proportional part of the reward will be paid for any part returned.

It has been ascertained that the burglars—three in number—first went to the shops of the Talbot Manufacturing Co., where they placed in readiness, and after robbing the bank returned there and assorted the papers they had secured. They reached Vernon at about 4 o'clock, and were seen by the depot agent there, but he supposed they were employes of the road. In getting the hand car off the branch track on to the main track leading to this city, the car was carried across just east of the depot. At 4:30 o'clock the depot-agent in Burnside, who was up, heard but did not see the car pass, and noticed that it was being driven at a rapid rate. Every morning at 5:30 o'clock a road watchman leaves East Hartford on a hand car, and, knowing this fact probably, the burglars timed their movements to avoid him. It is not certain, as at first supposed, that the thieves took the southerly train from this city; they may have gone north at 6 o'clock, or, as some suppose, have taken the Providence train over the same ground of their retreat, supposing that to be the safest route to avoid suspicion and mislead.

The Late Senator Broderick's Will—A New Suit.

From the San Francisco Bulletin, Dec. 23.

JOHN KIELY, MARY KIELY, ANN WILSON and ELLEN LYNCH, have commenced a suit in ejectment in the United States Circuit Court against J. A. MCGLYNN *et al.* The complaint sets forth that at the death of D. C. BRODERICK, they were his next of kin and only heirs-at-law; that they are daughters of CATHERINE BRODERICK, by her husband, RYAN BYRNE; that said CATHERINE was the only sister of THOMAS BRODERICK, father of D. C. BRODERICK. The complainants pray that the defendants may be required to answer the following interrogatories: Whether they do not know, have not heard, or are informed, and on their conscience believe, that the said pretended will and testament, or the paper writing so denominated and herein set forth and referred to, was and is a simulated or forged instrument?

Whether the same was a false and forged paper, was not the will and testament of the said DAVID C. BRODERICK, nor signed nor declared, nor published as such by him?

Whether the same was fabricated after the death of the said DAVID C. BRODERICK, and with a fraudulent intent, or with the intent to defraud the legal heirs or claimants to the property of said deceased?

Whether said pretended will was written by one ALFRED A. PHILLIPS, in New-York, about the 1st of January, 1859?

Whether the name of D. C. BRODERICK was signed thereto by one MARK E. FLANAGAN?

Whether the said [A. J.] BUTLER caused the same to be brought forward, presented and admitted to probate, as a genuine and valid will, in the Probate Court at San Francisco, well knowing the same to be a forgery?

Whether he procured the testimony of witnesses to the Probate to its validity—the said PHILLIPS, the said HOFF and others?

Whether he by such testimony procured the admission of said pretended will to probate, and the recognition of said MCGLYNN and himself as executors of said will, and as such did finally sell the whole of said estate by virtue of the order of the Probate to its validity, obtained and predated of said false and forged will.

The suit is to recover the Broderick estate, a large tract of land in the southern part of the city, much of which is now covered with buildings and other improvements.

HAYTI.

Fall of the Capital, Port-au-Prince.

Capture of the Algonquin—Salnave Takes Refuge in Fort National.

ST. MARC, Sunday, Dec. 19, 1869.

By an arrival yesterday, from St. Marc, important news has been received from Hayti to the 9th ultimo. The war steamers in possession of the revolutionists having accomplished their object in transporting troops to Petit Goave and Grand Goave, immediately returned to Port-au-Prince, and blockaded that port, acting in cooperation with the forces on land. The attack upon the city was made simultaneously the night between the 18th and 19th ultimo. The land forces entered the city driving the different pickets before them, who retired in disastrous confusion. The revolutionists took unresisted possession of every point of advantage, and the entire city was speedily in their hands. In the meantime the revolutionary war vessels were doing their part in the plan of attack. SALNAVE's vessel, the *Alponquin*, was boarded, while all on board were asleep, and taken possession of without bloodshed. The *Alponquin* and the city were thus taken without a shot being fired.

SALNAVE made his escape from the city and took refuge in Fort National, commonly called Fort Alexandre, which is situated on one of the highest points overlooking the city, on the northwest side. He is in imminent peril, but it is supposed that the foreign Consuls will interfere and secure his safety. The entire population of the city are rejoiced at this issue of things, and are heartily in favor of the revolution. SAGET and his staff had left St. Marc for Port-au-Prince, and were heard from at Arcahie.

CURRENT NOTES.

A. D. 1870.

Happy New Year!

Good resolutions are in order to-day.

How would the Boston fashion of offering beef tea answer to-day?

If you write any letters to-day you will probably date them Jan. 1, 1869.

Burlington, Vt., is to attempt to make paper from pine shavings.

A Connecticut railroad is about to transform a church into a depot.

The Baltimore *American* is to appear today enlarged and in a new dress.

If the Street Commissioner would only turn over a new leaf to-day.

Professor AGASSIZ has recovered from his illness, and is ready to lecture again.

St. Louis thinks it can raise by subscription $2,000,000 for its proposed World's Fair.

A San Francisco man has invented a new aerial machine which he is confident will far out-fly the Aviior.

It is reported that the President has promised an important foreign appointment to Lieutenant-Governor CUMBACK, of Indiana.

A Providence journal speaks of "a hack, with a livered footman." It ought to apologize for knocking out that footman's eye.

The Connecticut State Agricultural Society will hold its annual meeting in Middletown on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

JULIUS HOFFMAN, of Buffalo, who has been appointed agent and manager of the German Immigrant Society, is about removing to this City.

The total receipts of internal revenue in the Chicago District during the year 1869 were $7,679,190—an increase of $2,735,723 over 1868.

A very pretty but absent-minded young lady inquired of the handsome clerk in the Norwich, Conn., Post Office, on Wednesday, if there was a letter there for "you and me."

A lecturer before a Teachers' Convention in the West took the ground that the school is but a pocket edition of the great cyclopedia of the Government.

Hon. JAMES S. FRAZIER, of the Indiana Supreme Court, has declined to permit the use of his name in the Republican State Convention for nomination.

The Boston Mercantile Library Association will celebrate its semi-centennial on the 11th of March. Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP is expected to deliver the address.

A servant in Michigan who stole $50, was not held for trial because she was "subject to fits when under excitement." Fits of abstraction?

Some of the people of St. John are signing a petition for the commutation of the death sentence of JOHN A. MUNROE, the murderer, solely on the ground of the respectability of his family.

The Philadelphia Alumni of Princeton College sat down to their second annual dinner on Thursday evening. Judge STROUD presided, and President MCCOSH was present.

The Richmond *Dispatch* corrects some extravagant stories by saying that there are only two defaulting Sheriffs in Virginia, and in the case of neither is the amount over $2,000.

D. R. KNIGHT's full-length portrait of Major-General GEORGE G. MEADE at Gettysburg, painted for the Philadelphia Union League, is completed.

Mrs. ROSE MADDER is lecturing in Ohio in opposition to woman's suffrage, as calculated to destroy her "conservative power." She argues that the more woman takes upon herself the man-quality, the less she governs man.

The people of Newburyport, Mass., have one "Fir-Bug" in limbo, and now are aghast at the evil works of another who burns well-filled barns. They threaten him with a limb of a tree on sight.

A lady speaker at the New-Hampshire Woman's Suffrage Convention said the ghost of Captain KIDD laughed at the Spanish gunboats steamed out of New-York harbor, and the scattered timbers of the *Mayflower* groaned.

It has transpired that the Hartford youth who, much to the disgust of the lady in the case, postponed his wedding by swallowing laudanum, was driven to the act by the refusal of his tailor, in whom he trusted, to trust him for his wedding suit.

Busts of HENRY W. LONGFELLOW and Rev. ANDREW P. PEABODY, D. D., have just been completed by HENRY DEXTER, of Boston. Of the latter it is said that every lineament of that calm and placid face, always so expressive of a meek and kindly spirit, is there in life-like reality.

The Boston *Traveller* says it is undoubtedly true that the population of the rural districts of New-England has decreased, but it has decreased because the cultivation of the soil, and the development of resources, require less labor than formerly, and the surplus laborers have sought employment where their labor is needed.

The Maryland Republican State Central Committee organized on Wednesday. The members from each county, by request, named colored Republicans to consult with them in all measures looking to the organization and consolidation of the Republicans in the State, without regard to color or race.

A man in Pittsfield, Mass., is so singularly particular on the subject of diet that he denies his family all meats, tea, coffee, cake, sugar and salt. One of his children who eat a small piece of cake given it by a playmate, was horsewhipped by him in the street, and probably thus cured.

There was trouble and anxiety in the Police Court of Petersburg, Va., on Wednesday. All the witnesses were called but none of them responded. Somebody, however, by a happy thought suggested that the prisoners be brought in and arraigned. This was done, and every one of them pleaded guilty.

A residence, just completed, near Atlanta is pronounced, by the local Press, the finest in Georgia, and we are told that "the general features of the building present a style that may be called American, though some of the exterior is mixed with the French and the Gothic." That house ought to be photographed at once.

The Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist* "scorns" to call the Government "our Government," and it calls upon its "fellow countrymen," if they are "really anxious to pay a debt of vengeance," and save themselves from continuous future calamity, to throw their pluck, their manhood and their strategy, by "cutting off the enemy's supplies."

The Montreal *Gazette* sends us this little suggestion from over the border: "Public executions are at an end in this Dominion, forbidden as brutalizing spectacles; but there is danger that the parade of murderers as heroes, full of interest to the lovers of sensation—the popularizing, in fact, of Newgate calendar literature, may do as much harm to a better class than has been wont to make up an execution mob."

Hon. WILLIAM E. ROBINSON lectured before the Irish Literary and Benevolent Association of Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday evening. His subject was "Apostles Catilinarius and the Fortieth Congress," and he surprised his hearers at the outset by declaring that previous to the assembling of last Congress, as real there was not a freeman in the world. Not until then was the right of voluntary association proclaimed.

Mrs. MYRA CLARK GAINES has published another card in the New-Orleans papers, in which she says she is willing to make a liberal compromise, between this and the 1st day of June, with any of those who now hold the land in that city to which she has established her claim. She says also that as her estate greatly exceeds her wants, and the provision made for her family and friends, the surplus will be devoted to special objects of charity by her trustees whose duty it will be to apply to the objects designated in their appointment the entire residuary proceeds of her estate. Hence no compromise can be made after her death.

Offences on the High Seas.

WILLIAM HEATH, mate of the ship *Gamecock*, was charged before Commissioner SHIELDS, yesterday, with beating, wounding and imprisoning a colored sailor named AUGUSTUS BERRY, during a recent voyage of the vessel from Hong Kong to this port. The complainant claimed that the alleged acts of cruelty were witnessed by A. MCKENZIE, JAMES WILSON and JOHN WILLIAMS, members of the crew. The accused was held for examination.

Another colored seaman named ROBERT WATSON complained before the same Commissioner that he was badly mutilated on or about the 24th of December, by one L. G. CLARK, mate of the schooner *Julius A. Decker*, shortly after the departure of the vessel from a Central American port, on a voyage to this City. He deposed that the alleged ill-treatment was committed in the presence of G. J. SAUNDERS, one of the crew. The accused was held for examination.

Business of the New-York Post Office for 1869.

The following table shows the amount of business done in the Post Office for the year ending Oct. 1, 1869:

Number of letters sent to Europe	5,006,012
Number of letters received from Europe	4,364,597
Number of postage stamps and stamped envelopes and wrappers sold	$2,015,593 65
Money ordered issued on orders to	$2,42,420 22
Money orders paid, 201,135	$1,230,604 90
Number of registered letters sent down to Dec. 31	157,340
Number received	142,718

The number of registered letters received in 1869 was nearly double those received in 1868.

The force in the Post Office is about 800 men, not including over 100 route agents.

The Temperance Societies of Queens County held a Convention in Hempstead on Tuesday. The officers of Morton Lodge, in Hempstead, for the ensuing year, are as follows: Samuel C. Seaman, M.; R. A. Hewlett, S. W.; Theodore A. Carman, J. W.; Ebenezer Kellum, Secretary; P. J. A. Harper, Treasurer; Rev. J. B. Finch, Chaplin; John Nix, J. M. C.

Useful New Year's Present.

Good sound teeth secure good mastication and digestion, promoting health, happiness and long life. Next to these are good sound teeth, which go far to secure the same ends. Now the place to get rid of the old roots, turning pain to pleasure, is at COLTON'S, in the Cooper Institute. A new set of teeth is a fine New Year's present.—*Advertisement.*

The Lucius Hart Manufacturing Co.,

No. 6 Burling-slip, foot of John-st., offer their stock of CUTLERY, TABLE KNIVES, &c., at cost until the 1st of January. Tea Sets, Coffee Urns, Ice Pitchers, Castors, Staple and Fancy Articles in great variety for HOLIDAY PRESENTS. The oldest Plated Warehouse in New-York.—*Advertisement.*

Pure Wine.

DR. R. T. UNDERHILL's depot for the sale of his pure wine, the produce of his Croton Point vineyards, is at No. 744 Broadway, corner of Astor-place.—*Advertisement.*

LIEBIG'S EXTRACT OF MEAT.—None genuine without Baron LIEBIG's signature on every jar. The right thing for invalids and family use. J. MILHAU'S SONS, —*Advertisement.* No. 183 Broadway, New-York.

NEW-YORK TIMES FOR EUROPE.

The EUROPEAN EDITION of the NEW-YORK TIMES is published THIS MORNING, and may be had at the counter of the publication office, in wrappers, ready for mailing. Price FIVE CENTS.

It will contain a full digest of news from all parts of the United States up to the latest moment, with such selections from the editorials and correspondence of the TIMES as may have interest for Americans residing abroad and for European subscribers.

Among other features of interest are presented the following:

Political Affairs of the Country, Domestic Correspondence, General Telegraphic News, Scientific Notes, Religious Affairs, Temperance Items, Local News, Washington Advices, General News, &c.

THE NEW-YORK TIMES.

SUNDAY EDITION.

THE TIMES will be issued TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING as usual. It will contain a large quantity of miscellaneous reading matter, besides the latest news by telegraph and mail from all points of interest. Its prominent features will be:

The usual variety of LITERARY EXTRACTS from the leading foreign and domestic periodicals and new books, under the head of "CURRENT LITERATURE."

Reports of the celebrations of NEW YEARS' DAY in the City and vicinity.

A Table showing the COURSE OF THE GOLD MARKET the past year.

AMUSEMENT NOTES—Announcements for the week, domestic and foreign theatrical news, and notes on the movements of actors.

EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENCE—Letters from our correspondents in different European capitals, full of interesting news and gossip, &c., &c.

The Sunday TIMES is for sale at the principal news depots in the City and in Brooklyn during the early part of the day. Its popularity does not in the least diminish. Advertisers who wish to reach the most intelligent and refined, will find it an excellent medium. Advertisements intended for insertion in the Sunday edition must be received in the TIMES Publication Office early this evening to insure proper classification.

Public Speakers and Singers will find BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES beneficial in clearing the voice before speaking or singing, and relieving the throat after any unusual exertion of the vocal organs, having a peculiar adaption to affections which disturb the organs of speech. For coughs and colds the Troches are effectual.

Hair Dye. Hair Dye. Hair Dye.—The genuine WM. A. BATCHELOR'S Hair Dye is the best in the world—the only perfect dye—harmless, reliable, instantaneous, black or brown. Sold everywhere, and properly applied at BATCHELOR'S Wig Factory, No. 16 Bond-st., New-York.

MARRIED.

COLES—KATTING.—On Thursday, Dec. 30, at St. Paul's Church, Glen Cove, L. I., by Rev. Thomas Mallory, CHARLES FRANKLIN COLES, of Detroit, to JOSEPHINE, daughter of the late Joseph Katting, of Lafayette-st.

MORGAN—PAGE.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1869, by Rev. Joseph Kimball, D. D., HEWLITT S. MORGAN, of West Stockbridge, Mass., to ELIZABETH E., eldest daughter of George W. Page.

STANFORD—WALLEN.—At Horseheads, Penn., on Thursday, Dec. 23, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. C. S. Dunning, W. H. STANFORD to LIZZIE J., daughter of C. F. Wallen, all of Horseheads. No cards.

SUGDEN—VANDEWATER.—By Rev. Christopher Rhodes, Mr. BENJAMIN SUGDEN to Miss IRENE VANDEWATER. No cards.

WEBSTER—WALLEN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Tuesday, Dec. 28, by Rev. Charles Hooper, CHARLES HENRY WOOLSEY, of Washington's Falls, N. Y., to HATTIE M., daughter of W. H. Carman, Esq., of Brooklyn. No cards.

DIED.

ATKINSON.—On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1869, JOHN ATKINSON, aged 42 years.

His friends, and those of his brother, George, and brothers-in-law, are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 228 West 12th-st., on Sunday, Jan. 2, at 1 o'clock precisely.

BENJAMIN.—On Thursday, Dec. 30, at her late residence, No. 227 Washington-av., Brooklyn, Miss MARY BENJAMIN, of paralysis.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from St. Luke's Church, Clinton-av., between Fulton and Atlantic ave., Brooklyn, on Monday, Jan. 3, at 2 o'clock P. M.

CRANE.—At Stamford, Conn., on Thursday evening, Dec. 30, after a lingering illness, HENRY CLAY, youngest son of Thomas and Clarissa L. Crane, of New-York, in the 20th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral at the Universalist Church in Stamford on Monday afternoon, at 1 o'clock. The remains will be removed to Green-Wood Cemetery on Tuesday, and carriages will be in waiting at 11:30 A. M. at Stamford on arrival of the 9:47 A. M. train from Stamford, to convey friends of the family.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

JOSEPH McGUIRE sold at the Exchange yesterday the property known as the Eagle Mills, at the junction of Bleecker and West Eleventh streets. A portion of the property, fifty feet on Bleecker and fifty-five feet on Eleventh-street, is conveyed in fee, and the remainder, extending through to Hudson-street, on a lease for twenty-one years. There were incumbrances on the title amounting to $28,600, and bids were taken over and above these, and the property was struck down at $12,500.

R. H. LUDLOW & Co. disposed of a house and lot, No. 49 First-place, Brooklyn, for $15,600. The house was three story, with basement and brown-stone front.

Auction Sales Yesterday.

NEW-YORK.

By Joseph McGuire.

Eagle Mills, on Bleecker, West 11th and Hudson sts., a part, 50x20, in fee, rest lease for 21 years.....$11,300

BROOKLYN.

By R. H. Ludlow & Co.

House and lot, No. 49 1st-place, 24x102.3.....$15,600

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK.

Broadway and 41st-st., n. e. corner, 25.7x98..... Broadway, e. s., 25.7 ft. n. of 41st-st., 25.2x102.2.....	$100,000
Hudson and Hammond sts., n. w. corner, 24.10x.....	on
Th.....[illegible]	24,200
Hester-st., n. s., 50 ft. w. of Clinton-st., 50x100.....	3,327
Stanton-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of Sudlow-st., 25.9x103.....	6,000
41st-st., n. s., 50 ft. w. of 6th-av., 12.6x97.10; 25.3x.....	
24th.....[illegible]	3,000
5th-st., n. s., 104.2 ft. w. of Avenue C, 24.8x9.11.....	15,000
70th-st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of 2d-av., 25x94.10.....	10,000
38th-st., n. s., 320 ft. w. of 3d-av., 25x98.9.....	25,000
38th-st., n. s., 475 ft. e. of 11th-av., 25.1x98.9.....	1,250
38th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 9th-av., 25x98.9.....	4,000
38th-st., n. s., 400 ft. e. of 9d-av., 21.2x98.9.....	
Mott-st., e. s., 153.4 ft. s. of Prince-st., 27.10x100.....	10,600
BROOKLYN.....[illegible]	
36th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 11th-av., 25x98.9.....	1,700
38th-st., n. s., 225.2 ft. w. of 3d-av., 22.8x98.9.....	17,500
38th-st., n. s., 325 ft. w. of 7th-av., 25x100.4.....	3,500
47th-st., n. s., 375 ft. e. of 10th-av., 18.9x100.5.....	16,000
47th-st., n. s., 412.6 ft. e. of 10th-av., 18.9x100.5.....	17,750
50th-st., e. s., 350 ft. w. of 7th-av., 25x100.5.....	18,000
77th-st., n. s., 237 ft. e. of 2d-av., 103x102.2.....	13,500
18th-st., n. s., 307 ft. w. of 3d-av., 22x100.11.....	12,000
16th-st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of 7th-av., 102x99.11.....	7,000
16th-st., n. s., 250 ft. w. of 7th-av., 102x99.11.....	7,000
16th-st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of 7th-av., 102x99.11.....	3,000
9th-av., e. s., 24.9 ft. s. of 20th-st., 24.8x100.....	6,000
KINGS COUNTY.....[illegible]	
Brooklyn.	
Atlantic-av., n. s., 212 ft. w. of Grand-av., 75x100	$20,625
Bartlett-st., n. w. s., 60 ft. n. e. of Throop-av., 25 x100.....	11,000
Bay-st., n. s., 225 ft. e. of Union-av., 25x100.....	700
Court and Pacific-sts., s. w. corner, 50x100.....	30,000
Graham-st., e. s., 225.5 ft. s. of Willoughby-av., 24 x82.....	1,100
High-st., No. 116, 30x100.....	2,500
Herkimer-st., n. s., 89 ft. e. of Howard-av., 21x70.....	675
Howard-av., n. s., 75 ft. s. of Herkimer-st., 25x70.....	
Hoyt-st., w. s., 40 ft. n. of Degraw-st., 20x75.....	7,200
Jorkleman-st., n. s., 165.5 ft. w. of Court-st., 22 x50.....[illegible]	700
[illegible]	14,000
North 12th and 13th sts., n. w. corner, 100x100.....	7,000
South 1st-st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of 7th-st., 25x77.....	1,500
40th-st., e. s., 60 ft. w. of 3d-av., 20x100.....	3,500
Bedford-av., e. s., 100 ft. s. of Bergen-st., 50x100.....	10,000
Penn-st., n. s., 151.4 ft. e. of Bedford-av., 49.2x100	2,000
Union-st., n. s., 220 ft. e. of Hoyt-st., 16.8x100.....	5,000
Walton-st., e. s., 230 ft. w. of Harrison-av., 25x100	800
42d-st., n. side, 100 ft. w. of Third-av., 100x200.....	3,000
12th-st., n. s., 222.10 ft. e. of 5th-av., 100x100.....	4,000
De Kalb-av., n. s., 125 ft. e. of Lewis-av., 72.8x74.9	6,000
De Kalb-av., e. s., 100 ft. s. of Lewis-av., 97.9x32 x107.8x100.....	7,000
Greene-av., s. s., 100 ft. w. of Marcy-av., 200x100	4,500
Sostrand-av. and Kosciusko-st., s. w. cor., 60x30.	12,000
Lafayette-av., s. s., 225 ft. w. of Reed-av., n. w. corner, 50x100.....	1,050
Bond-av., e. s., 500 ft. s. of Division-av., 50x100.....	500
Kickerbocker-st. and Linden-st., n. w. corner, 200x100.....	800
WESTCHESTER COUNTY.....[illegible]	
Lewisborough.	
Golden's Bridge to Whitlockville road, e. s., adjoining Lewis Travis', 28 acres.....	$3,750
Westchester.	
8th-av., s. s., lot No. 535, Wakefield's, 100x114.....	$100
Yonkers.	
Jefferson-st., e. s., adjoining Aaron Vark's, 204x417.4	20,000
Chestnut-st., s. s., 100 ft. s. of Guion-st., 100x325..	11,000
Roggerman-st. and Depot-st., n. e. corner, 25x65..	4,000

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—IN WILLIAMSBURG, IN A most desirable good, two-story and basement frame house; water, heater and gas; the lot has a two-story building on the rear, suitable for a shop. Apply on the premises, No. 120 South 3d-st., near 7th. Price $7,000; $3,000 to remain; possession to suit.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES and a variety, a few choice farms, from one hour from N. Y., for sale low. Also, country seats and houses to let for the season, or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 320 Broadway, N. Y., 9 to 11 A. M.; Orange, corner Main and Cohe sts., 1 to 4 P. M.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

BAZARD, APTHORP & CO.,
REAL ESTATE BROKERS,
No. 110 Broadway, corner Pine-st., New-York.
OFFER:
NO. 151 BROADWAY—FINE STORE.
Office Building. Large Rent Roll, $100,000.
NOS. 17 AND 19 WARREN-ST.,
Marble buildings, forty-seven years' church lease, ready to alter into offices. A great bargain, $60,000.
NO. 233 BROADWAY,
opposite new Post Office and Park, $160,000.
First-place, near Broadway.
Pine-st., near Broadway.
Chambers-st., near Broadway.
All first-class investments.
STUDIO BUILDING, BOSTON,
211 feet front on Tremont-st. One of the finest buildings in New-England, $500,000.

TO LET OR LEASE—THE LARGE AND first class store, No. 841 Broadway, through to Mercer-st., and a few doors above Bond-st.; also 30x200 feet; to let for three or five years to an approved tenant; possession May 1, 1870. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 3 Pine-st.

OFFICE TO LET.—TWO FRONT ROOMS on the second floor of No. 111 Nassau-st. Inquiry on the premises of LEKOW & VOIGT, or of W. L. CONKLIN, No. 18 4th-av.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET—A first-class four-story English basement house, completely furnished and in perfect repair; located on 5th-av.; rent $6,000 per annum; lease for three or five years. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, 3 Pine-st.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED—BY A RESPONSIBLE PARTY, a modern three-story house, full set, nearly furnished, for a private boarding house, between 34 and 40 sts., and 5th and 2d aes.; price not to exceed $250 per month; full particulars given, or no attention paid. Address P., Box No. 146 Times Office.

LARGE FIRST-CLASS HOUSE WANTED, between 40th-st. and the Park, on or near 5th or Madison aves. Owners address HOUSE, Box No. 146 Times Office.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

SALE OF VALUABLE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY IN NORTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA AND MISSISSIPPI.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 14, 1869.

The United States Marine Hospitals and grounds at Vicksburg and Natchez, Miss.; Wilmington and Ocracoke, N. C.; and the United States Branch Mints and grounds at Charlotte, N. C., and Dahlonega, Ga., will be sold at public auction on WEDNESDAY, the 11th proximo, at 12 M., by the following officers, of whom interested parties can obtain all requisite information:

Marine Hospital at Vicksburg, Miss., by Collector of Customs, Vicksburg.

Marine Hospital at Natchez, Miss., by Collector of Customs, Natchez.

Marine Hospital at Wilmington, N. C., by Collector of Customs, Wilmington.

Marine Hospital at Ocracoke, N. C., by Collector of Customs, Beaufort, N. C.

Branch Mint at Charlotte, N. C., by Collector of Internal Revenue, Salisbury, N. C.

Branch Mint at Dahlonega, Ga., by Collector of Internal Revenue, Atlanta, Ga.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-fifth cash, the balance in four equal quarter yearly payments, (the first of which shall be made on the 15th April next,) with interest from day of sale until paid. Any failure on the part of the purchaser to make the payments as above will involve the surrender of the property and the forfeiture to the Government of the money previously paid.

All bids to be made subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Department reserving the right to reject any of all bids if deemed to the interest of the Government to do so.

A certificate of sale and possession, subject to the foregoing conditions, will be given the successful bidder upon the acceptance of his bid by the Secretary of the Treasury, and the deed executed when the last payment shall have been made.

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, LANSING, Dec. 21, 1869.

THE INTEREST DUE JAN. 1, 1870, on the State of Michigan will be paid at the Mercantile National Bank, in the City of New-York.

The War Loan Bonds drawn for redemption Jan. 1, 1870, will be paid upon presentation and surrender of the coupons, with the bond, at the Mercantile National Bank, in the City of New-York.

The

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

Russia, Wednesday, Jan. 12 | Samaria, Thursday, Jan. 20
Tarifa, Thursday, Jan. 6 | Celtic, Wednesday, Jan. 26
Java, Wednesday, Jan. 12 | Marathon, Thursday, Jan. 27
Alpha, Thursday, Jan. 13 | Russia, Wednesday, Feb. 2
Cuba, Wednesday, Jan. 19 | Palmyra, Thursday, Feb. 3

RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the Wednesday steamers, not carrying steerage, First Cabin....$130, gold. Second Cabin....$80, gold.
First Cabin, to Paris.....$145, gold.
By the Thursday Steamers.
First Cabin....$80, gold. Steerage....$30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown and all parts of Europe at lowest rates.
Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent.
For freight or passage apply at the Company's Office, No. 4 Bowling-green.
For steerage passage apply at No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building. CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.
Steamer of 5th January will not carry passengers.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.—GOODS landed under general order from Cunard steamship Russia will be sent to C. Squire & Co.'s bonded warehouse, West and Leroy sts., New-York.
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.
Dec. 30, 1869. No. 4 Bowling-green.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:
ST. LAURENT.....LEMAIRE.....SATURDAY, Jan. 8
LAFAYETTE.....ROUSSAN.....SATURDAY, Jan. 22
FRANCE.....DUCHESNE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 5
VILLE DE PARIS.....SURMONT.....SATURDAY, Feb. 19

Rates of passage payable in gold, (including wine,) TO BREST OR HAVRE, First cabin, $140; second cabin, $80.
TO PARIS, including railway ticket, $145 and $75.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
American travelers going to or returning from the Continent of Europe, taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transit by English railways and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND LONDONDERRY.

THE ANCHOR LINE.

Favorite Clyde-built passenger Steamers are intended to sail as follows:
IOWA.....Jan. 1 | EUROPA.....Jan. 29
CALEDONIA.....Jan. 8 | INDIA.....Jan. 29
COLUMBIA.....Jan. 22 | CAMBRIA.....Feb. 5
and each SATURDAY thereafter, from Pier No. 20 North River, at 12 o'clock, noon.
RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabins, on Liverpool or Londonderry, $60 and $70.
Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $100.
Steerage, to Glasgow or Derry, $30; intermediate, $35.
Prepaid Certificates from these ports, $30.
Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.
Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.
For further information apply on the steamers, foot of Day-st., or at the Company's offices, No. 7 Bowling-green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—Inman Line of Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
CITY OF WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 1, 1 P. M.
CITY OF BALTIMORE, Saturday, Jan. 8, 10 A. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK, (via Halifax,) Tuesday, Jan. 11, 12 M.
CITY OF BOSTON.....Saturday, Jan. 15, 2 P. M.
and one every alternate SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE
BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY
PAYABLE IN GOLD. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin.....$100 | Steerage.....$35
To London.....105 | To London.....40
To Paris.....115 | To Paris.....47
PASSAGE BY THE TUESDAY STEAMER, VIA HALIFAX.
FIRST CABIN. PAYABLE IN GOLD. | STEERAGE. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Liverpool.....$80 | Liverpool.....$30
Halifax.....20 | Halifax.....15
St. John's, N. F., by steamer.....40 | St. John's, N. F., by steamer.....20
Branch Steamer.....15 | Branch Steamer.....10
Passengers can be forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.
Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.
For further information apply at the Company's Office. JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

FOR LIVERPOOL,
(VIA QUEENSTOWN,)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steamships from PIER NO. 40 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY, as follows:
MANHATTAN, Captain FORSYTH, Jan. 5, at 8 A. M.
MINNESOTA, Captain PRICE.....Jan. 12, at 1½ P. M.
IDAHO, Captain CUTTING.....Jan. 19, at 7½ P. M.
NEVADA, Captain GREEN.....Jan. 26, at 8 P. M.
COLORADO, Captain WILLIAMS.....Feb. 2, at 8 A. M.
NEBRASKA, Captain GERARD.....Feb. 9, at noon.
Cabin passage, $80 gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30 currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 62 Wall-st.

NATIONAL LINE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN, From Pier No. 47 North River.
HELVETIA, THOMSON, Saturday, Jan. 1, at 1 P. M.
ENGLAND, Guion, Saturday, Jan. 8, at 8 A. M.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100 and $80. Steerage, $30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $37, currency.
Apply at the Company's office, No. 69 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.

Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
First Cabin, $140 | Steerage, $65.
$140 to $180, according to location of berth.
These rates include berths, board and all necessaries for the trip.
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,
ON 5TH AND 21ST OF EACH MONTH,
except when these days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. Extra baggage at low rates.
JAN. 5—ARIZONA, Captain MAURY, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Captain PARKER.
Steamer AMERICA will leave San Francisco Feb. 2, 1870, for China and Japan.
NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.
For reduced rates of freight apply on wharf. Freight for steamer ARIZONA received until 4 P. M. on TUESDAY, Jan. 4. All usual facilities afforded shippers in the collection of freight.
For freight or passage tickets, and all further information, apply at the Company's ticket office, on the wharf foot of Canal-st.
F. R. RABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL,
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 20th of every month,
GUERNIMACK, Capt. Winn, Jan. 20.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. Theilepaugh, Feb. 20.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. Theilepaugh, Mar. 20.
These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
MONTEZUMA, Capt. W. H. ADAMS.....Jan. 6
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICKLEN.....Jan. 13
EAGLE, Captain M. B. GUERNE.....Jan. 20
For freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHITNEY, Jr., President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
Atlantic Mail S. S. Company MORRO CASTLE, Captain B. ADAMS, Jan. 17, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHITNEY, Jr., President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Havana Mail Steamship Line. Sailing every twenty days, from Pier No. 17 East River, at 12 noon. The splendid new steamers
CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. LEMAIRE, Thursday, Jan. 13.
CLIMAX, Capt. CHAS. LEMAIRE, Wednesday, Feb. 2.
For freight or passage apply to
A. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 16 Broadway.

PUERTA PLATA, SAMANA, SANTO DOMINGO.
The United States Mail Steamship, TYBEE, Captain R. A. DELANOY, will leave for the above ports in the early part of January. For freight or passage apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO., No. 29 Broadway.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.
GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE STEAMSHIPS AND CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA.
GREAT REDUCTION IN PASSENGER RATES TO ALL POINTS IN THE INTERIOR.
FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK,
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.
THE STEAMSHIPS
SAN JACINTO, Captain ATKINS, SATURDAY, Jan. 1, from Pier No. 5 North River, at 10 A. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling-green.
HUNTSVILLE, Captain CROWELL, SATURDAY, Jan. 1, from Pier No. 15 North River, at 10 A. M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 42 Wall-st.
VIRGO, Captain BURNEY, TUESDAY, Jan. 4, from Pier No. 15 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents, Nos. 51 and 53 South-st.
HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Captain CHESEBROUGH, SATURDAY, Jan. 8, from Pier No. 35 North River, at 3 P. M. LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, No. 45 Liberty-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS,
OLD LINE—LOW FREIGHT.
The well-known first-class sidewheel steamship DE SOTO, Capt. H. Stanton, commander, will leave Pier No. 38 North River on SATURDAY, Jan. 8, at 3 P. M. Freight taken at through rates for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 5 Liberty-st.

SHIPPING.

FOR MOBILE,
VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.
THE FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY WILL DISPATCH THE FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIP ALABAMA, Captain LIMBURNER, ON SATURDAY, Jan. 1, from Pier No. 35 North River, at 3 P. M. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile.
Insurance guaranteed at one and a half per cent. to Mobile.
Through Rates and Bills Lading given to Selma, Montgomery and all points in the interior at LOWER RATES than any other line.
For Freight or Passage apply to
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Mobile Agents, A. J. INGERSOLL & CO.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS, THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.—REGULAR LINE.
The elegant steamship SARAGOSSA, C. RIDER, Commander, will sail
THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 1870, at 3 P. M.,
from Pier No. 6 North River, foot of Rector-st.
R. H. DRUMMOND & CO., No. 84 Wall-st.
Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest.
Agents in Charleston (Revenel & Co.) forward all goods free of commission. Insurance effected at this office at one-half of one per cent.
ARTHUR LEARY, Agent, No. 12 William-st.
The steamship MAGNOLIA will sail Jan. 12.

FOR NEW ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 9 North River at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
CORTES.....NELSON.....FRIDAY, Dec. 31.
GEO. WASHINGTON.....GAGE.....SATURDAY, Jan. 8.
Freight taken for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at through rates. Cabin passage, $35.
For passage, first and second class, or freight, apply to H. R. CROMWELL & CO., No. 36 Wall-st.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.
Families or gentlemen traveling abroad on the Continent of Europe, who can submit the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one; their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles of passport, custom-house examination and conveyance of baggage; in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and as facility of access under which they are enjoyed in various parts of the Continent. Commercial and travelling gentlemen and travelling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 8 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

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TO BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE.
GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.
Fare always as low as by any other line.
The new and elegant steamers
STONINGTON and NARRAGANSETT.
Capt. Wm. M. Jones. Capt. Geo. B. Hull.
From Pier No. 39, foot of Jay-st., North River,
Arriving ahead of all other lines.
Tickets sold and state-rooms secured at No. 2 Astor House, and at Dodge's Express office, No. 944 Broadway.
D. S. BABCOCK, President Stonington Steamship Company.

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Via Fall River, touching at Newport.
WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.
The splendid steamers
NEWPORT AND OLD COLONY,
Commander Lewis. Commander Simmons,
leave daily (Sundays excepted) at 4 P. M., from Pier No. 28 North River, foot of Chambers-st.
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M. F. SIMONS, Managing Director.
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FOR BRIDGEPORT, AND ALL points on Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroads. Fare $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 3 P. M.

FOR NEW HAVEN, HARTFORD &c.—Fare $1 25. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New Haven at 3:45 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

MEDICAL.

"And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." Rev., 22d chap., 2d verse.
NEW AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT MEDICAL DISCOVERY.
HEALTH TO THE WORLD!
DR. ALZORA'S AMAZON PILLS.

Dr. ALZORA, having discovered in the Valley of the River Amazon, in South America, a rare and exceedingly valuable plant, possessing most wonderful curative properties, has been induced by numerous medical gentlemen, who have tested the merits in their own practice, to make it up in the form of pills, to be placed within the reach of the public, so that all may enjoy the benefit of a remedy the most certain and efficacious as a curative agent that has ever been discovered in any quarter of the globe.
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GENERAL WEAKNESS AND DEBILITY.
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, COUNT HOUSE, PARK, No. 31 CHAMBERS-ST., Dec. 14, 1869.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons who may have omitted to pay their taxes to pay the same at this office before the 1st day of January, 1870. On and after that date interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, calculated from Oct. 7, 1869, to day of payment, will be added. On the 15th day of January, prox., warrants will be issued for the collection of all personal taxes remaining unpaid on that date. BERNARD SMYTH, Receiver.

BOARD WANTED.

WANTED—PLEASANT FURNISHED apartments, with private table for a lady, son and daughter, between 20th and 42d sts. Address Box No. 2,336 Post Office.

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COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The firm of C. F. FISCHER & CO. is this day dissolved. C. F. FISCHER, ERNESTO FISCHER.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.
COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.
The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of FRANCKE & FISCHER. J. R. FRANCKE, C. F. FISCHER, AXEL F. FRANCKE, ERNESTO FISCHER.
OLEMENS FISCHER will sign the firm per procuration.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

DISSOLUTION.—The firm of H. MESSENGER & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign in liquidation. HARRY MESSENGER, (Signed) THOS. H. MESSENGER, SIDNEY LARREMORE.
COPARTNERSHIP.—The undersigned have this day formed a partnership under the firm name of T. H. MESSENGER & CO. and will conduct the business at No. 161 Maiden-lane. (Signed) THOS. H. MESSENGER, SIDNEY LARREMORE.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

DISSOLUTION.—The copartnership heretofore existing under firm of CALDWELL, GORDON & CO., at Philadelphia and New-York, and of HALL, CALDWELL & CO. at Boston, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either party will sign in liquidation. SAM. R. YOUNG.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1869.

DISSOLUTION.—THE FIRM HERETOFORE existing under the name of NORTHRUP, TAYLOR & CO., in this day dissolved by limitation and mutual consent. WILLIAM B. NORTHRUP and GEORGE H. TAYLOR retire from the business.
WILLIAM B. NORTHRUP, GEORGE H. TAYLOR, ABRAM F. HAZEN, JAMES W. WHITNEY.
Dec. 31, 1869.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned under the firm of MORAN & GOULD, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. THOMAS T. MORAN, WM. R. GOULD, JR.
NEW-YORK, 31st December, 1869.
The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of THOMAS T. MORAN & MURRAY, for the transaction of a general stock and banking business, at No. 35 Pine-st.
THEODORE T. MORAN, BYRON MURRAY, JR.
Member New-York Stock Exchange.
1st JANUARY, 1870.
The undersigned have formed a copartnership under the firm name of LAIT & CO., at 44 P. M. W. LAIT, JR., ARTHUR SMITH.
Arriving ahead of all other lines.
Tickets sold and state-rooms secured at No. 2 Astor House, and at Dodge's Express office, No. 944 Broadway. D. S. BABCOCK, President Stonington Steamship Company.

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FOR NEW HAVEN, HARTFORD &c.—Fare $1 25. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New Haven at 3:45 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

NOTICE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.—Notice is hereby given that a limited partnership has been formed by the undersigned, pursuant to the laws of the State of New-York; that the name or firm under which such partnership is to be conducted is PLUMB & VAN EMBURGH; that the general nature of the business intended to be transacted by such partnership is a general commission, stock, exchange, gold and produce business, including all futures, transactions thereto; that the names of all the general and special partners interested in said business are as follows: GEORGE S. PLUMB and DAVID G. VAN EMBURGH, both of whom reside in the City and County of New-York, are the general partners, and WILLIAM R. TRAVERS and CHARLES E. LAMONT, both of whom reside in the City and County of New-York, are the special partners; that the amount of capital which each of said special partners has contributed to the common stock is as follows: The said William R. Travers has contributed the sum of $75,000, and the said Charles A. Lamont has contributed the sum of $50,000; that the period at which the said partnership is to commence is the 1st day of January, 1870, and the period at which it will terminate is the 31st day of December, 1872.—Dated New-York, Dec. 31, 1869.
GEORGE T. PLUMB, | General
DAVID R. VAN EMBURGH, | partners.
WM. R. TRAVERS, | Special
CHARLES A. LAMONT, | partners.
Witness, WM. HENRY ARTHUR.

DISSOLUTION.—The firm of FAILE, WILLIAMS & CO. is dissolved this day by mutual consent. The business of the firm will be settled by EDWARD and CHARLES V. FAILE, who are authorized to collect the debts and sign the name of the firm in liquidation.
EDWARD FAILE, RICHARD WILLIAMS, CHARLES V. FAILE.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

C. D. BUCK,
REAL ESTATE AND LIFE INSURANCE AGENCY, NO. 94 PINE-ST.
Mortgages and other securities negotiated.

COPARTNERSHIP.
WILLIAM WATT, Jr., is admitted a partner in our firm from this date. WATT & SHERMAN.
Dec. 31, 1869.

DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the firm of PATON, STEWART & CO., 12 New-York and London, is dissolved from and after this date.
Either partner will sign the name of the firm in liquidating the unfinished business of the copartnership. THOMAS PATON, DAVID STEWART, R. BALLANTINE, WM. C. HICKS.
Dec. 31, 1869.
R. BALLANTINE will continue the agency and commission business at No. 4 Coleman-st., London, on his own account.
COPARTNERSHIP.—The subscribers succeed to the business of PATON, STEWART & CO., and will continue the dry goods importing and commission business, under the firm of HICKS, BARR & CO., at Nos. 128 and 130 Duane-st. WM. C. HICKS, WM. A. BARR, EDGAR S. HICKS.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE FIRM OF ADAMS, KIMBALL & MOORE, No. 14 Wall-st., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. JOHN Q. ADAMS, J. P. KIMBALL, E. D. MOORE.
DODGE, KIMBALL & MOORE, BANKERS AND BROKERS, No. 14 Wall-st., New-York.
O. A. DODGE, President First National Bank, Burlington, Vt.
J. P. KIMBALL, } Members New-York Stock and
E. D. MOORE, } New-York Gold Exchanges.
JOHN Q. ADAMS, (Member New-York Exchange,) BROKER IN STOCK AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, No. 66 Cedar-st., New-York.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between W. W. VERPLANCK, JOHN W. ATWOOD and JOHN E. WINKOOP, under the firm name of VERPLANCK, ATWOOD & CO., doing business as wholesale dealers in coal in New-York, Brooklyn and Poughkeepsie, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, JOHN E. WINKOOP retiring from the firm.
The business will be carried on as heretofore by the remaining partners, W. W. VERPLANCK and JOHN W. ATWOOD, under the firm name of VERPLANCK & ATWOOD, and all accounts due to or against VERPLANCK, ATWOOD & CO. will be settled by them at their office in New-York, Room No. 77, No. 111 Broadway.
(Signed) P. W. VERPLANCK,
(Signed) JOHN W. ATWOOD,
(Signed) JNO. E. WINKOOP.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the copartnership heretofore existing between NICHOLAS GEFFROY, HENRY RABLER and LOUIS FINKELMEIER, carrying on business as manufacturing jewelers at No. 4 Cortlandt-street, in the City of New-York, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, and that HENRY RABLER alone is authorized to collect the debts due the copartnership and to settle up its affairs.
NICHOLAS GEFFROY, HENRY RABLER, LOUIS FINKELMEIER.
Dated NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.
The business will be continued at the same place, by the undersigned, under the style of GEFFROY & CO.
NICHOLAS GEFFROY, LOUIS FINKELMEIER.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of LEONARD, RHODES & GROSVENOR, is hereby dissolved by limitation. Mr. WM. R. LEONARD retires from the business; either member will sign in liquidation.
WM. R. LEONARD, J. ALBERT RHODES, JAS. E. M. GROSVENOR.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.
The undersigned have formed a copartnership under the firm name of RHODES & GROSVENOR, and will continue the dry goods commission business in hirelotore, at No. 54 Leonard-st.
J. ALBERT RHODES, JAS. E. M. GROSVENOR.
JAN. 1, 1870.

THE FIRM OF PERRY, KELLOGG & CO. in this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. PERRY retiring. JONAS F. PERRY, FRANK KELLOGG, S. C. HUBBARD.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.
The business of the late firm of PERRY, KELLOGG & CO. will be carried on by undersigned, under the style of KELLOGG, HUBBARD & CO.
FRANK KELLOGG, S. C. HUBBARD, C. B. PARSONS.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between us, is this day dissolved by limitation. Either member of the firm will sign in liquidation. BENEDICT, TORREY & TWOMBLY.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.
The business heretofore conducted by BENEDICT, TORREY & TWOMBLY, will be carried on and continued in the name of "The Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company."
WILLIAM A. TORREY, Manager.
A. G. BENEDICT, Jr., Treasurer.

THE FIRM OF LOWITZ & BECKER is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Each partner has the right to sign in liquidation.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869. JOHN LOWITZ, C. E. BECKER.
The importing business of the above firm will be continued by the undersigned, under the firm of JOHN LOWITZ & CO., he having this day admitted Mr. OTTO VON HEIN as a partner.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869. JOHN LOWITZ.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FORMED a copartnership for the purpose of transacting a general stock brokerage business, under the name of VAN VECHTEN & MOORE, office No. 43 Broadway. JOHN VAN VECHTEN, W. D. MOORE.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE IMPORTING BUSINESS OF THE above firm will be continued by the undersigned, under the firm of JOHN LOWITZ & CO., he having this day admitted Mr. OTTO VON HEIN as a partner.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869. JOHN LOWITZ.
WE HAVE THIS DAY ADMITTED MR. JOHN AUSTIN as a partner in our firm.
WHITE, MORRIS & CO.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870. Bankers, No. 20 Wall-st.
MR. GEORGE E. DOWNES IS ADMITTED partner in our firm from and after this date. WILLIAM HOGE & CO.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870. No. 42 Wall-st.
WILLIAM A. HAINES, JR., AND JOHN R. MYERS, Jr., are this day admitted partners in our firm.
JAN. 1, 1870. HALSTED, HAINES & CO.

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NO. 29 WEST 18TH-ST.—TWO LARGE and other furnished rooms may be had with board, at No. 29 West 18th-st. Family small, house large.

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Corner of 23d-st. and 6th-av.
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Admission.....50 cents.
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the charming Comedienne and Vocalist, in her unique sketch,
MR. AND MRS. HOWARD PAUL,
the celebrated Lyric and Dramatic Artists, in their famous Protean Entertainment, introducing new features, including (for the first time in America) the inspiring French Revolutionary Lyric,
"LA MARSEILLAISE,"
Sung by Mrs. Howard Paul in imitation of the late MADAME RACHEL,
and also "Goddy, Sweetheart, Goddy," a la Mr. JIMM BENNYSE.
PLUTO. PLUTO. PLUTO,
Reconstructed.
NEW YEAR MATINEE AT 2.
GEORGE L. FOSTER, the sensational drama, in ONE act and ONE scene, with FIVE characters in five minutes.
The roaring spectacle, by Jas. C. Foster, entitled the "Twelve Temptations;" or, the Seven Sins of Society, a description of modern times, is progressing hugely and will be produced on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 10, 1870.

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WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.
CONTINUED SUCCESS
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introducing the principal artists of the
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Admission, 25c. Children under ten, 50c. To reserved seats, 75c. Begins at 8.

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THEATRE FRANCAIS, JAN. 3, 1870.
GLODOCHE'S GRAND BALL
ORIGINAL GRAND DUCHESSE CANGAN,
TWO NEW TROUPES OF FRENCH GROTESQUE DANCERS.
MUSIC BY GAYPER.
SUPPER BY JAUCH.
Tickets.....$3
Tickets and boxes for sale at the French Theatre; F. Hitsky's, No. 723 Broadway; "The Mentone," No. 745 Broadway; Bullmer's, No. 118 Broadway, and AT THE THEATRE ON THE EVENING.
EIGHT GLORIOUS PIECES OPEN TO-DAY.

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TO-MORROW EVENING, suppressed lecture, "Old Fogies and Impudentocrats." Startling disclosures. Great pandemonium and Parliamentary prayer omitted. Secure your seats.

GRAND PUBLIC CONCERT BY THE Hutchinson Family, at the Church of the Pilgrims, West 45th-st., near 6th-av., MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 3, 1870.

INSTRUCTION.

THE SECOND QUARTER
OF THE
PIANISTS' ACADEMY,
Conducted by Mr. BERNARDUS BORKELMAN, pupil of Bulow, (formerly Professor at the Berlin Conservatory,) will commence on the 24 of January, 1870.
For terms, see circular, to be applied for at No. 116 23d-st., between 4th and Lexington avs. Office hours daily from 1 till 2 o'clock.

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Rev. J. BRECKENRIDGE GIBSON, A. M., Rector.
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The next term

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

There is no probability of the departure of the Spanish flotilla for Cuba before Tuesday or Wednesday. Its detention is owing to the Spanish Naval Commissioners' desire to have the vessels thoroughly finished in every little detail ere they go to sea, and not, as has been alleged, by Mr. DELMATER'S objection to their going to sea before he is paid. That gentleman says that the Spanish Government has paid him punctually for everything he has done for it, and so far as he is concerned the flotilla can sail to-day.

The attendance at Mr. ARTHUR PENRHYN'S lecture, before the Young Men's Christian Association, on Thursday evening, was numerous, and the entertainment satisfactory to all concerned.

The report published by a contemporary yesterday, to the effect that Marshal HARLOW had given permission to the schooner *Maria* to sail from this port with a cargo of arms for Cuba, is denied by that gentleman, who is of the belief that the entire report had no foundation in fact.

For the benefit of the German Hospital, a vocal and instrumental concert will be given by pupils of German-American schools of this City, at Steinway Hall, to-morrow afternoon.

On Christmas Day MICHAEL SHAUNNESSEY, aged 41, of No. 426 East Sixteenth-street, attempted to stop a pair of horses and a carriage, when he was run over and so severely injured that death ensued yesterday. Coroner FLYNN will hold an inquest.

While the Police Court officers were being paid off yesterday in the Inspector's office, at Headquarters, Patrolman LYMAN CROFUT, the veteran and eldest member of the Metropolitan Force, was suddenly seized with illness and died in a few moments. His remains were subsequently removed to the late residence of the deceased, in Second-street, near Avenue A, by permission of Coroner FLYNN, who will hold an inquest. Mr. CROFUT was born in 1797, and much respected in the Department of which he had been so long a member. He was also a police officer in the other departments preceding the present one.

At the Republican primary election, held Dec. 29, in the Fifteenth Assembly District, the following ticket was elected by twenty-four majority, instead of that previously reported: President, E. Harrison Reed; First Vice-President, Robert Wakefield; Second Vice-President, Daniel C. Dudley; Recording Secretary, John Goller; Corresponding Secretary, Samuel G. Hayter; Treasurer, William W. Brackett; Delegates to General Committee, George F. Hopper, James H. Anderson, Matthew Wilson, George W. Da Cunha, Joseph R. Pollock, John Quackenbush, E. C. Lee, Jas. T. Conenhoven.

The Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, of the United States House of Representatives, after examining several witnesses, determined not to change the site of the new Post Office, although they may recommend enlarging the building contrary to the plans of Mr. MULLETT. They left for Boston, accompanied by Sergeant-at-Arms ORDWAY, a clerk and phonographer.

The gross receipts of Father HYACINTHE'S lecture at the Academy of Music, for the benefit of the French Benevolent Society, were $5,103 50; the expenses $908 14; and the net proceeds $3,795 36.

In the case of HEATH & Co. against C. E. MAHONY, charged with obtaining money by fraud, an order of arrest was yesterday granted against the defendant, on application of JOHN D. TOWNSEND, counsel for plaintiffs. MAHONY was committed to Ludlow-street Jail in default of $5,000 bail.

A New Year's present was given to Hon. JOHN J. BLAIR, member of Assembly, by his numerous friends, last evening, in the shape of a handsome gold watch and chain. The presentation took place at the residence of Mr. MAURICE WALSH, No. 227 Henry-street, Hon. WILLIAM M. TWEED making the presentation address.

Shortly after the close of the evening twilight on Thursday the heavens were suffused with the red variety of the northern lights. From time to time during the evening, and also at 4 o'clock on Friday morning, the intensity of this subtle power was more or less manifest. At 9:17 o'clock a splendid white meteor, apparently equal in size to the planet Jupiter, shot northeast 16° from a point 12° east of the lunar star Pollux.

Professor BARKER, of Yale College, New-Haven, delivered the fourth of a series of lectures on scientific subjects last evening before the Young Americans' Institute at the Cooper Union. The subject treated on was the "Correlation of Vital and Physical Forces." The interest of the lecture was enhanced by scientific illustrations.

At an officers' election of the Ninety-sixth Regiment New-York State National Guard, Colonel KREHBIEL, on Thursday evening, Major PETER HEMMER, of the New-York rifle battalion, was elected Major, Dr. HEMMANN, Surgeon, and Dr. KNOCHE, Assistant Surgeon.

The second annual ball of the New-York Engineers' Protective Society came off last evening at Irving Hall. The attendance was very large, and the ball successful in every respect. Great credit is due to the managers for the orderly and enjoyable manner in which the affair was conducted, and it was a late hour before the assembly dispersed. The officers of the Association are E. B. DAMAREST, President; GEORGE WEST, Vice-President; JAMES T. MURRAY, Secretary; THOMAS H. KELLEY, Treasurer; and JOHN MOSS, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Yesterday a gang of ruffians entered the oyster saloon No. 336 Hudson-street, and after beating JAMES READ, the proprietor, made their escape. The injured man was taken to the Greenwich-street Police Station, and his wounds having been dressed he was assisted to his home at No. 46 Vandam-street.

The annual Christmas festival of the Sunday School of the German Society of the New Jerusalem was held at their place of worship, No. 75 Lindley-street, on Thursday evening. Addresses were made by the Superintendent, Rev. JOHN EICHMANN, Rev. CRAUMENT, of the Thirty-fifth-street Church, Mr. CEPHAS THOMPSON and other gentlemen, and dialogues were held and anthems sung by the children. Cakes and wine, after the German custom, were then served to the pupils, and the evening closed with benediction.

The reorganization of the German Republicans of the Twentieth Assembly District (Nineteenth Ward) was held on the 30th inst. at the Fulvertheirein, corner of Fifty-fourth-street and Third-avenue. This is one of the strongest German Republican organizations in the City. The following officers and delegates were elected for the ensuing year: President, JOHN SCHERER; Vice-Presidents, Carl Phillip and Wm. A. Juch; Secretaries, Wm. Mentz and Frank Charlotte; Treasurer, Chr. LANZ; Delegates to the General Committee, George A. Lambrecht, John Prinzner, William Mentz, Phillip Koch, William L. Schmidt.

A gray haired man named JOHN BRIGHT, who has been kept in imprisonment at Ludlow-street Jail for the last two months on a charge of counterfeiting, was released on his own recognizance by Commissioner SHIELDS yesterday, in consequence of the bad effect which his confinement has had on his health.

Mr. A. T. STEWART, it is said, with his accustomed liberality, will head the list of subscribers to the fund for the family of the late EDWIN M. STANTON with a large amount. The Committee appointed by the Union League Club to take this matter in hand will meet for organization on Monday.

At an early hour yesterday morning PATRICK HURLEY and THOMAS SHONGHESSE, both residing at No. 35 Baxter-street, quarreled. THOMAS seized a hatchet and dealt his opponent several terrible wounds on the head. The would-be murderer was speedily arrested by the Sixth Ward Police, and Justice HOGAN held him to await the result of his victim's injuries.

The following officers of Ashland Section, Cadets of Temperance, will be publicly installed on Monday evening by JAMES H. MCCLELLAN, Deputy G. P.: E. A. Van Dyke, W. A.; Frank Thwing, V. A.; James MORROW, S.; Joseph Chamberlain, T.; H. Doane, A. T.; W. Findlay, G.; E. W. Foote, U.; W. H. Smith, W.; W. D. Pownall, A. W.

Two Spaniards named JOSE GARCIA and PANTALIA PORAS were charged before Commissioner SHIELDS, yesterday, on a complaint of ALFRED F. PUFFER, with offering 1,600 imported cigars for sale on which no stamp or brand appeared, as required by law. The complainant also accused them of being engaged in the manufacture of cigars in violation of law. The prisoners were held in their own recognizances to appear for examination.

BROOKLYN.

Mr. ISAAC VAN ANDEN yesterday said his farewell as a journalist to the people of Brooklyn, that having been his first and last personal communication with the readers of the *Eagle* since its establishment. The paper is now the property of Mr. ALEX. MCCUE and others. Mr. MCCUE is also the owner of St. John's Church, and good-natured citizens aver that the City Hall Ring now own the Pulpit and the Press.

The Plymouth Church pews—which means the opportunity of comfortably listening to Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER twice every Sunday in the year—will be offered for sale to the highest bidders on Tuesday evening.

Next Friday a union meeting of ladies for prayer is to be held in the chapel of the Reformed Church on the Heights. It will continue for five hours without intermission, commencing at 11 o'clock, a change of subject and leader every hour. The ladies of various Churches are invited to attend.

Stella Lodge No. 483, F. and A. M., have elected the following officers, who have been duly installed: Rt. Wor. Chas. W. Willets, Master; H. M. Hopper, Senior Warden; L. Morrison Champney, Junior Warden; Chas. E. Pelletreau, Jr., Treasurer; Daniel Grant, Secretary; Geo. W. Leach, Senior Deacon; Fred. E. Edgar, Junior Deacon; John Cooper, M. D., Surgeon; Wm. W. Goodrich, Counsellor; S. H. Scripture, Senior Master Ceremonies; Samuel Van Benschoten, Jr., Junior Master Ceremonies; Chas. W. Homer, Chaplain; Harry W. Mitchell, Marshal; Alexander Montanye, Organist; Wm. Patterson, Tiler; Trustees, Edwin Gates, E. H. Craige, Wm. M. Shipman.

The Kings County Democratic General Committee held a special meeting last evening and appointed the following Committee to proceed to Albany and forward the interests of Hon. JOHN O. JACOBS, with a view to making him Speaker of the Assembly: James B. Craig, H. W. Slocum, John G. Schmeltzer, T. S. Dakin, James Murphy, G. G. Herman, Horace Ault, James Howell, Jr., J. M. Barnes, Jos. McCauley, John Fyburn, Jacob J. Bergen, Wm. C. Kingsley, James Corbey, Dr. Jos. Creamer, Dr. M. A. Norris, P. Ennis, Chas. Miller, John J. Bryant, E. A. Kollmeyer, David C. Archer, John Hecht.

A special meeting of the Bettleson Colony Association was held last evening at the house of Dr. BATTLESON, in Myrtle avenue, for the purpose of making all necessary arrangements previous to their making any contract with the landowners in North Carolina. It was resolved that they should become an incorporated body, and a committee was appointed to apply for a charter. The weekly meetings are hereafter to be private.

At the meeting of Bricklayers' Union No. 1 of Brooklyn, at No. 32 Court-street last evening, JOHN GANNON reported that his employer, Mr. MACNAMEE, refused to pay him his wages, amounting to $15. The society, considering themselves bound to protect their members, appointed a committee of three, with power, in the event of their finding the statement of GANNON to be correct, and his employer refusing to pay the amount, to order all members in his employ to desist working for him until he pays the amount. It was further ordered that in the event of a strike, it shall be published in the morning papers.

Mr. OTTO ERTTER, of No. 209 Schermerhorn-street, was knocked down the other night in Schermerhorn-street, between Court and Clinton streets, and robbed of $50 and a gold watch and chain.

The following persons will be arraigned for trial in the Court of Sessions, before Judge TROY, on the charge of having been engaged in the recent election frauds, next Thursday: Patrick McLoughlin, Patrick Fitzpatrick, John Lynch, Thomas Nevins, James R. Naughton, John Galvin, James Hughes, Henry F. Mayo, Michael Hannan, Daniel Maloney, John Bradford, Patrick R. Donovan, Henry Adams, John Courtney, Patrick Keenan, Michael Noonan, James F. Loomis, John Norton.

EDWARD PERRY, the junk dealer who is charged with the murder of THOMAS HAYES, the watchman at HARBECK'S stores in Furman-street, was again before Judge TROY yesterday on examination. He refused to sign his name to a statement, then presenting the District Attorney an opportunity of comparing his handwriting in evidence at the trial. PERRY was committed to await the action of the Grand Jury. The Coroner has to go through the same form yet.

Mayor KALBFLEISCH, in consequence of recent family bereavements, will not receive his friends to-day.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Republican General Committee from New-Lots: Pitman Jewell, A. H. W. Van Sicklen, John Lyon, Henry Miller, Edward Miller.

RAYMOND S. PERRIN, a clerk, was arrested on the charge of stealing $84 worth of lumber from L. V. HURFEY, of East New-York. Justice RILEY held him for examination.

A fire occurred at HENRY BAUER'S furniture store, No. 2,411 Fulton-avenue, yesterday morning. Damage to the amount of $400; insured for $2,000 in the Germania Insurance Company.

Temperance meetings are to be held on Sunday evenings, as usual, at the Park Theatre.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

AN explosion of gas took place in Vance's Hall, Sing Sing, a few days ago, and was attended with serious consequences. It appears that while the members of Senate Hook and Ladder Company were engaged in placing some benches in the hall, one of the brackets of a gas fixture was accidently broken off. In order to prevent the escape of gas, a cork was pushed into the aperture. Shortly afterwards, Mr. THOMAS VANCE entered the hall for the purpose of ascertaining that all was tight. On striking a match, it being dark at the time, an explosion instantly took place, and VANCE was burned in a shocking manner. The ceiling of the hall was blown down, and one door was shattered to pieces.

Mr. JARVIS WASHBURN, of Peekskill, has sold his dock property, having a frontage of 105 feet, with a water right extending 500 feet into the bay, to Mr. JAMES CHAPMAN, for $10,000.

The taxpayers of West Farms will hold a meeting at Tremont on Monday evening for the purpose of taking some action in favor of or against the construction of certain new avenues, and on the question of taxation in general.

The teachers and scholars of the Sabbath School connected with the Baptist Church of Sing Sing, will meet this morning for the purpose of interchanging congratulations. The children are to be kindly remembered on the occasion.

The Baptists of Sing Sing contemplate making an important addition and improvements to their house of worship. According to the plans which have been presented, it is proposed to lengthen the edifice and build transepts. The extension will increase the seating capacity to about 900.

The ladies' fair for the benefit of the building fund of the Young Men's Lyceum at Tarrytown, which netted the treasury to the extent of about $1,000.

An election for officers of the Yorktown Agricultural Fair for 1870, resulted in the choice of the following, viz: BERNARDUS FLEWELLIN, President; EGBERT S. FOWLER and J. B. IRISH, Vice-Presidents; CONSTANT WHITE, Secretary; DAVID F. LEE, Treasurer.

LONG ISLAND.

The report of ORANGE JUDD, the President of the village of Flushing, is in the hands of the printer. The following is the synopsis: The trustees have had thirty-five meetings during the past year. Old claims paid, $12,500; old contracts extending into the past year and settled, $4,684; amount paid on orders of present Board for work during the year, $12,450. The Fire Department has been improved, railroad facilities increased, Amity and State streets and College-place opened, and real estate increased fully twenty-five per cent. in value.

Last Monday evening an aged widow lady was assaulted at Port Jefferson by some young women who under the pretext of showing her a hotel, led her to a secluded part of the town and there attempted to commit an indecent outrage. She had been invited to deliver a lecture before the Sons of Temperance, but the lecture was postponed.

The residents of Woodside, following the example of other rural towns in Queens County, are about forming a private local police force.

The people of Huntington, Smithtown and Brookhaven, are fast becoming alive to the great need of direct communication, and seem determined to have it. At a large meeting of the citizens of these towns, for the purpose of facilitating the extension of a railroad on the north side of the Island, resolutions were adopted signifying the willingness of the people to cooperate with any railroad company, except the Long Island Railroad Company, to gain the desired object.

Passenger cars now run from Manor and Goodground in connection with the Long Island Railroad trains.

The people of Babylon are agitating the question of a new Presbyterian Church.

There is a Methodist revival in Sag Harbor.

The people of Huntington complain of bad streets, and threaten the indictment of the Commissioners if they are not attended to.

The revenue of the First District, Collector HAWKINS, will amount to about $720,000, a falling off of nearly one half from previous years.

The country villa of General DIX, at Quogue, is nearly completed.

The people of Port Jefferson hold a meeting on Monday evening to raise a subscription, nominally for the extension of some one of the various railroads from New-York to that place.

The Universalists of Huntington have commenced the erection of a new church.

The steamer *Eclipse* has been placed upon the route between Huntington and Northport.

FREEMAN, the colored man who attempted the murder of JAMES DARCY, at Lloyd's Neck, is now confined in the Queens County Jail. DARCY continues to decline and death is inevitable.

On Thursday night the schooner *Jefferson*, Captain THOMPSON, bound for Stamford, Conn., with coal, struck on Shippan Reef, and sunk. She is a total loss.

The large 700-ton bark *Osio* was launched from the Northport yard on Wednesday.

Last Saturday night, while Mr. KETCHAM, of Amityville, was crossing the bridge, near the paper mill, his horse and wagon ran off the bridge into the river. The party were seriously injured, and had a narrow escape with their lives.

The body of ROBERT CHITTENDEN, who was drowned off the wrecking schooner in Jones' Inlet, a few weeks since, was on Tuesday found on Sandy Point. The remains were interred in Amityville.

PLATT KETCHUM came near being killed in the Amityville Methodist Church, on Sunday night, by the falling of the chandelier, which struck him on the head.

A man calling himself WILLIAM TOWNSEND called at a mechanics' boarding-house in Locust Hill-avenue, Yonkers, on Thursday afternoon, and engaged board, telling the landlady that he was a carpenter, and had secured employment at ACHEST & QUICK'S establishment. In the course of the evening, during the absence of the boarders from their rooms, he managed to gather up about $100 worth of clothing and other articles from the rooms up stairs. Officer [illegible] arrested TOWNSEND, and found the stolen property concealed in a vacant house. The fellow was quietly discovered having some cars on a side track; but on perceiving a policeman he fled and effected his escape—without his booty, however.

NEW-JERSEY.

The annual report of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Newark, shows that the contributions, which numbers forty-one members, have made 849 visits during the year, relieved eighteen persons permanently, and expended $1,321—$40 more than the receipts.

The Common Council of Newark have decided to erect a reform school upon land recently purchased at Waverly Station. The Council has also adopted a resolution authorizing the sale of the old Potter's Field for $25,000, to CHAS. S. OSBORNE.

THOMAS CONNOLLY, an employe of the New-Jersey Railroad, was run over by a locomotive at New-Brunswick yesterday, and was almost instantly killed.

In Penitalpha Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons, Hoboken, N. J., the following officers have been elected and installed for 1870: Benjamin M. Rogers, M. E. H. P.; Charles H. Partick, K.; J. E. J. Grassman, J.; Erastus Hedges, Treasurer; John T. Seymour, Secretary; Edward B. Hill, C. and H.; George A. McFarland, R. I.; George Martin, R. A. S.; William Heining, George M. Cooper, J. H. Rehmenhorst, Trustees; H. G. McLoney, G. M. First Vale; Justin Jones, G. M. Second Vale; Samuel Lemon, Jr., G. M. Third Vale; F. J. Fowlers, Sentinel.

In Hoboken Lodge No. 38, F. and A. M., the following officers have been elected and installed for 1870: Ramon M. Cook, W. M.; William C. Morris, S. W.; Charles H. Partick, J. W.; Erastus Hedges, Treasurer; John T. Seymour, Secretary; George Martin, S. D.; Frederick E. Bowall, J. D.; F. J. Fowlers, Tyler.

The annual report of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum of Newark, has just been published. It states that there are now in the institution 304 children. The receipts during the year have amounted to $14,022 77; the expenditures to $13,754. The building has been enlarged and otherwise improved during the year at an expense of $1,671.

Two burglars, who gave their names as THOMAS HENRY and STEPHEN WILLIAMS, were brought in Jersey City yesterday, with $800 worth of jewelry in their possession. They were committed.

The subscriptions to aid the construction of the Midland Railroad through Paterson have been raised to $26,000.

Colonel JAMES COOKE, of the Auditor's Department of the Erie Railroad, was yesterday presented by his friends with a goldheaded ebony cane.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

The City and County Government for 1870.

According to the provisions of the amended charter, the members of the Common Council for 1870 will take their seats at noon on Monday next. At the same time the Mayor's Annual Message will probably be sent in.

The following gentlemen comprise the Common Council for 1870:

ALDERMEN.	ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.
Dist.	Dist.
1. John Moore.	1. James Healy.
2. Thomas Coman.	2. Patrick Lynaght.
3. Edward Cuddy.	3. Hugh O'Brien.
4. Bryan Reilly.	4. John Galvin.
5. John Robinson.	5. Isaac Robinson.
6. Anthony Miller.	6. Lawrence E. Hill.
7. John Murray.	7. John Hampson.
8. Edward Walsh.	8. Rufus Odell.
9. Henry Beers.	9. Henry Beers.
10. William Guntzer.	10. Joseph Hoffman, Jr.
11. Lawrence O'Brien.	11. Thomas Mulligan.
12. Henry Weltman.	12. Edward Costello.
13. Jas. Conlin.	13. Jas. Gibney.
14. James McKiever.	14. John Reilly.
15. James D. Dimond.	15. Edward Schlichting.
16. Florence Sommel.	16. Nicholas Haughian.
17. Jacob Worder.	17. Thomas Poland.
18. Richard Croker.	18. Peter Seery.
19. David S. Jackson, Jr.	19. Bartholomew McDonald
20. James E. Cunningham.	20. Michael Fay.
21. Jacob M. Long.	21. John Shelly.

Among the Aldermen, Moore, Coman, Cuddy and Miller have been reelected, and among the Assistant Aldermen, Hampson, Robinson, Healy, Lynaght, Gibney, Hoffman and Reilly. Alderman CREGIER is removed from the Board of Assistant Aldermen to the Board of Aldermen, and HUGH O'BRIEN from the Aldermen to the Board of Assistant Aldermen. The Common Council, as constituted under the law enacted in 1868, consisted of, it will be seen, forty-four members, instead of thirty-eight, as heretofore.

It is understood that Mr. THOMAS COMAN will be reelected President of the Board of Aldermen, and Mr. JOSEPH SHANNON, Clerk. Mr. TUOMEY will, doubtless, be reappointed Deputy Clerk. Among the subordinates some changes will take place, but what has not yet been decided on.

Mr. JOHN REILLY will, it is said, be the President of the new Board of Assistant Aldermen, and Mr. MOLONEY will be reelected Clerk. Of the changes in the assistant clerical force of the Board, no mention has yet been made.

Of the Aldermen, three are only Republicans in either Board of the new Common Council, and as he always votes with the Democrats, the Democratic Party will have it all their own way.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

No changes in the clerical force of this office are at all likely to occur. Colonel CHAS. O. JOLINE will remain as the Mayor's Secretary, Mr. JOSEPH TOOKER as First Marshal, and Mr. GEORGE W. MORTON as the head of the Permit Bureau.

The custom of holding a New Year's reception in this department has ceased since the enactment of the law making the first Monday in January, instead of the first day of the year, the period for the newly-elected officers of the City Government assuming their various duties. Consequently there will be no reception by the Mayor at the City Hall to-day.

Mr. GEO. W. ROOME, Keeper of the City Hall, and his lady, will keep open house as usual.

THE MAYOR'S MARSHAL.

It is usual for the Mayor's Marshal to issue a report at the end of the year, giving a detailed statement of the number of licenses issued by him, amount received therefor, &c. On application to Marshal TOOKER yesterday, our reporter was informed that no annual report will be issued this year.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

There will be no change in the *personnel* of this Board. Messrs. ROACH, (Democrat,) and SMITH, (Republican,) having been reelected. This morning the Board will meet at 9 o'clock, and will elect Mr. W. M. TWEED President and Mr. JOSEPH YOUNG Clerk. Messrs. WOODWARD, SELMES and the other assistant clerks will all be reappointed.

CITY CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE.

The following amounts have been paid over by the Comptroller to the City Chamberlain during the past year, being interest received on the deposits of the City funds:

January	$3,985 24	July	$8,211 68
February	4,676 68	August	7,138 29
March	5,858 78	September	5,254 70
April	5,312 12	October	5,862 69
May	8,416 67	November	11,821 78
June	8,100 00	December	11,829 16

The whole amount paid by Mr. SWEENY during his term of office is $133,025 45. The expenses of the Department have also been paid by Mr. SWEENY.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

No changes in the clerical force of the Finance or Street Departments, or in the Tax Office, are contemplated, so far as can be learned.

Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

The Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. COMAN in the Chair.

The only business transacted was to transfer the various papers remaining in the possession of the Board to the new Board.

The usual complimentary resolutions to the President, clerks and reporters of the Board were then passed and the Board adjourned *sine die*.

Meeting of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

This Board met at 3 P. M. yesterday, Mr. MONEGHAN in the chair.

A resolution to pay for refreshments furnished the Board of City Canvassers was read, when Mr. PIERCENEY desired that the bill might be produced, so that the Board might have some idea of what they were voting for.

The President said he had not the bill, and thereupon the resolution was concurred in.

A resolution to have Forty-eighth-street, from Fifth to Sixth avenues, was concurred in.

The annual Committees were then appointed to wait on the other Board and on the Mayor, and Mr. PIERCENEY then offered a series of resolutions highly complimentary to the presiding officer, which were seconded by Mr. STEPHEN ROBERTS, and were adopted unanimously.

The usual vote of thanks to the clerks and reporters of the Board was subsequently adopted, and the Board adjourned *sine die*.

PRESENTATIONS.

Shortly after the Boards had adjourned, a splendid set of silver, costing $1,500, was presented to Alderman COMAN by his fellow members of the Board of Aldermen. To Mr. MONEGHAN, President of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, a diamond stud was presented, of the value of $1,500, by the members of the Board over which he presided.

Meeting of the Police Commissioners.

There was another lengthy meeting of the Police Commissioners yesterday afternoon, which was chiefly occupied in disposing of a large number of cases of infractions of the rules. There were only three dismissals from the force, these being Patrolmen JOSEPH H. WILSON, of the Thirty-second Precinct, JOHN HENNESSY, of the Forty-third Precinct, and LAZARUS MERSEAU, of the Fiftieth Precinct. Roundsman R. T. WOODWARD, of the Thirty-second Precinct, was made an acting Sergeant, and assigned to the new Fifth District Court, to which three patrolmen were detailed. The principal [illegible]

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Navigation on the Hudson—Ice Bound in Winter.

Navigation on the Hudson River is now open between here and Albany—a very rare occurrence at this season of the year. A propeller [illegible] the ice at Poughkeepsie yesterday morning, and [illegible] the ice at Newburgh yesterday afternoon. All the river craft left the docks at Poughkeepsie yesterday morning, and [illegible] the ice, with the exception of that which has drifted and lodged upon the shores—quite a meagre skinning at the most. At the sharp bends in the river, as at West Point, New-Hamburg, Cornwallville, and some other points, there are considerable quantities of floating ice lodged, which do not appear to be affected materially by the currents. These floes are not of very heavy ice, and are in such broken and moderately-sized pieces that any ordinary vessel can make a passage with but trifling impediment. From West Point and Newburg to Poughkeepsie, there is scarcely a cake of ice to be seen, and the surface of the river is almost as clear as at Midsummer. Quite a number of barges, sloops, steamers, and other craft, some of which had been caught by the rather sudden closing up of the season's navigation, are taking advantage of the opportunity, and are "walking through the waters," at will, to their desired destination. A trail and decorated pleasure yacht, called the *Belle*, owned by Colonel MADISON BAKER, of Brooklyn, while attempting to leave through the floe at Cornwallville, on Tuesday, was cut through by the sharp ice and sunk. Two men in charge had a narrow escape from death. They clung to a large cake of ice, and were rescued in a benumbed condition by a passing propeller. This would not have happened to a vessel of any ordinary and reasonable strength. This sudden and unlooked-for reopening of navigation, of course, can not be permanent, nor depended on for any length of time, although it may last a fortnight. Probably its closing again will come with a sudden snap of cold weather. If all precedent is in this case followed, Old river pilots are prophesying an open Winter.

Records of the Coroner's Office Last Year.

The following are the records of the Coroner's office for the year ending Dec. 31, 1869: Homicides, 42; of which were men, 39; women, 3. Nativities—Ireland, 21; United States, 10; Germany, 7; England, 1; France, 1; Denmark, 1; China, 1. Number in each month—January, 4; February, 4; March, 4; April, 3; May, 3; June, 5; July, 3; August, 6; September, 5; October, 6; November, 4; December, 2.

Infanticides, 9.

Suicides, 119; of which there were men 77, women 26; by shooting, 15; by hanging, 19; by cutting throat, 4; by stabbing, 5; by drowning, 14; by taking Paris green, 14; by taking arsenic, 3; by taking other poisons, 30; by taking chloroform, 1.

Accidents—Run over by horse cars, 30; run over by steam cars, 20; run over by other vehicles, 17; by falls of buildings, through bridges, out of windows, &c., 203; by accidental poisoning, 16; by accidental shooting, 8; by miscellaneous injuries, 94; by causes unknown to the jury, 11.

Tammany Primaries.

Pursuant to the call issued by the Tammany Hall General Committee, the Tammany Democracy met in the various wards last evening and elected delegates to the General Committee. The Young Men's General Committee and the Ward Committees for the year 1870.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 31—11 A. M.—Consols opened at 93⅛@93⅜ for money, and 93⅜ for the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 86¼; 1865, 86¼; 1867, 87¼; Ten-forties, 84¼. Stocks steady; Erie Railway Shares, 16¾; Illinois Centrals, 101½; Atlantic and Great Western, 25½.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31—11 A. M.—COTTON—The market opens buoyant; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼d. The sales of the week have been 60,000 bales, of which 12,000 were taken for export and 3,000 on speculation. The stock in port is estimated at 421,000 bales, of which 77,000 are American. The receipts of the week have been 33,000 bales, of which 24,000 were American.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Linseed Cakes dull. Refined Petroleum firm. Turpentine, lss. 3d. Oils, 6d. ₱ cwt.

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ANTWERP, Dec. 31.—Petroleum opened firm at 50½f. for Standard White.

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HAVRE, Dec. 31.—Cotton opened firm both on spot and afloat.

LONDON, Dec. 31—1 P. M.—American Securities are quiet and steady. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 86¼; 1865, Old, 86⅛; 1867, 86⅛; Ten-forties, 84⅛. Stocks steady; Erie Railway Shares, 16¾; Illinois Centrals, 101½; Atlantic and Great Western, 25½.

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LONDON, Dec. 31—4 P. M.—Consols closed at 93⅛ for money, and 93⅜ for the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 86¼; 1865, Old, 86⅛; 1867, 86⅛; Ten-forties, 84⅛. Erie Railway Shares, 17¼; Illinois Centrals, 102¼; Atlantic and Great Western, 25¾.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31—4 P. M.—COTTON—The market closed active; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼d. The sales of the day have been 15,000 bales, including 2,000 for speculation and export.

PROVISIONS—Pork declining.

PRODUCE—Common Rosin, 5s. ₱ cwt.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Linseed Cakes declining. Tallow quiet. Sperm Oil quiet and steady both on spot and afloat. Linseed Oil firmer. Refined Petroleum flat at 5s. 6d. ₱ gallon. Turpentine, 2ss. 3d. ₱ cwt. Calcutta Linseed, 55s. 9d.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The Bourse closed quiet; Rentes, 72f. 65c.

BREMEN, Dec. 31.—Petroleum closed firm yesterday at 7 thalers.

HAMBURG, Dec. 31.—Petroleum closed firm yesterday at 7 thalers.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 31.—United States Five-twenty Bonds closed firm at 9⅛.

HAVRE, Dec. 31.—Cotton closed quiet for both on the spot and afloat; Tres Ordinaire, on the spot, 137½f. ₱ cwt.

ANTWERP, Dec. 31.—Petroleum closed quiet and steady at 50½f.

BREMEN, Dec. 31.—Petroleum closed firm but unchanged.

HAMBURG, Dec. 31.—Petroleum closed firm at 15-mare bancos and 2 schilling.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—Exchange on London, 12¾@14¾ ₱ cent. premium; on Paris, 1½@⅞ cent. premium; on the United States, in gold, long sight, 2⅝@⅞ ₱ cent. premium; do., in currency, 22½@24 ₱ cent. discount; do., short sight, currency, 22½@24½ ₱ cent. discount.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—EXCHANGE firm and nominal. FLOUR quiet at $3 75@$4 10 for Spring Extras. WHEAT quiet at 77½c. for No. 2 Spring. CORN—The market was dull at 71½c. seller January. OATS dull and lower at 40¼c.@40⅝c. regular No. 2; in the afternoon the market was dull at 40c. for No. 2 seller January. OATS active but lower at 40c.@40¼c. for No. 2. RYE dull at 76c. for No. 2. BARLEY dull and nominal. HIGHWINES quiet at 86c.@88c. PROVISIONS quiet. PORK less active and lower at $22 30 cash, and $22 20@$22 40 seller February. LARD steady at 12½c.@12¾c. Dressed Hogs dull at $6 50@$6 75. Live Hogs dull; good weight at $6@$6 75 for Fair to Good and $5 25@$5 50 for Extra. CATTLE quiet but firm at $4@$4 75 for common to fair Cows, and $5@$6 87½ for fair to medium Illinois and $6 25 for Extra. FREIGHTS to Buffalo—Flour, 25c. Flour, 25,000 barrels. Wheat, 17,000 bushels. Corn, 2,000 bushels. Oats, 1,100 bushels. Barley, 1,000. Hogs. SHIPMENTS—4,000 bbls. Flour, 1,000 bushels Wheat, 14,000 bushels Corn, 1,400 bushels Rye, 1,100 bushels Barley, 1,300 Hogs.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—TOBACCO quiet and unchanged. COTTON steady at 22½c.@23c. for Middling. FLOUR steady for low grades; Fall Superfine, $3@$3 25; Extra, $3 25@$3 75; Double Extra, $4 75@$5 25; Treble Extra, $5 75@$6 50; XXX, $7@$7 50; XXXX, $8@$8 50. GRAIN quiet and unchanged. CORN declining and demand limited; Mixed and Yellow in bulk, 38c.@39c.; Fancy White, 40c.; Mixed Sacked, 39c.; Yellow, 40c.; White, 41c.@42c. OATS dull at 32c.@33c. for Mixed, in bulk or sacked. RYE declining; sales at 65c. BARLEY—Nothing doing. WHISKY firm at 86c. PROVISIONS dull; nothing doing. PORK dull at $22 50 for Fair, 11¼c. for Dry Salt Shoulders; 14½c.@15½c. for Clear Sides; and 15c.@17½c. for Clear Rib Boxed Sides. LARD—Order sales at 11c. for Tierces and 12c. for Keg. CATTLE steady and unchanged. Live HOGS steady at $5@$5 50. RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; Wheat, 3,000 bushels; Corn, 15,000 bushels; Oats, 7,000 bushels;